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Hong Kong, 25th Feb., 1927.

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Hong Kong, 25th Feb., 1927.

UNCLAIMED TELEGRAMS.

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Moria, from Amoy.
Tahshinyoko, from Shimonoseki.
Clade Folkner, from Yokohama.
Iyonella Bunham Tanke 71, from Amoy.
Pursell, from Kobe.
Dorothy White, from Shanghai.
E. V. JESSEN,
Superintendent.
Hong Kong Station, Feb. 24, 1927.

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Breyer, from London.
Hardy, from Hongkong.
Jayme Sison, from Manila.
E. A. LEGGATT,
Superintendent.
Hong Kong, 24th Feb., 1927.

NOTICES.



THE INSTITUTE will re-open on TUESDAY, March 1st. Students joining classes held at Queen's College will be enrolled at the Education Department only. (Fire Brigade Station building, 3rd floor) those joining classes held at the Central British School, Kowloon, may be enrolled at that School.

Entry forms may be obtained at the Education Department or at the Central British School, Hong Kong, 25th Feb., 1927.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL

WE have This Day removed our offices to York Building (Top floor) Chater Road
THOMSON & CO.
Chartered Accountants.
Hong Kong, 25th Feb., 1927.

HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

THE FINAL DIVIDEND declared for the year ending 31st December, 1926, at the rate of Three Pounds Sterling, together with a Bonus of Two Pounds Sterling is payable on and after the 24th February, 1927, at the Offices of the Corporation where Shareholders are requested to apply for warrants.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
A. H. BARLOW,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 26th Feb., 1927.

THE HONG KONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING will be held at the Company's Offices, P. & O. Building, on SATURDAY, 5th March, 1927, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1926, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 21st February to 5th March, 1927, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.,
LTD.,
Agents.
Hong Kong, 12th Feb., 1927.

HONGKONG BOXING ASSOCIATION.

SIXTH TOURNAMENT OF THE SEASON

SATURDAY, 5th March,
at 9.15 p.m.
at the
THEATRE ROYAL.

MAIN EVENT:

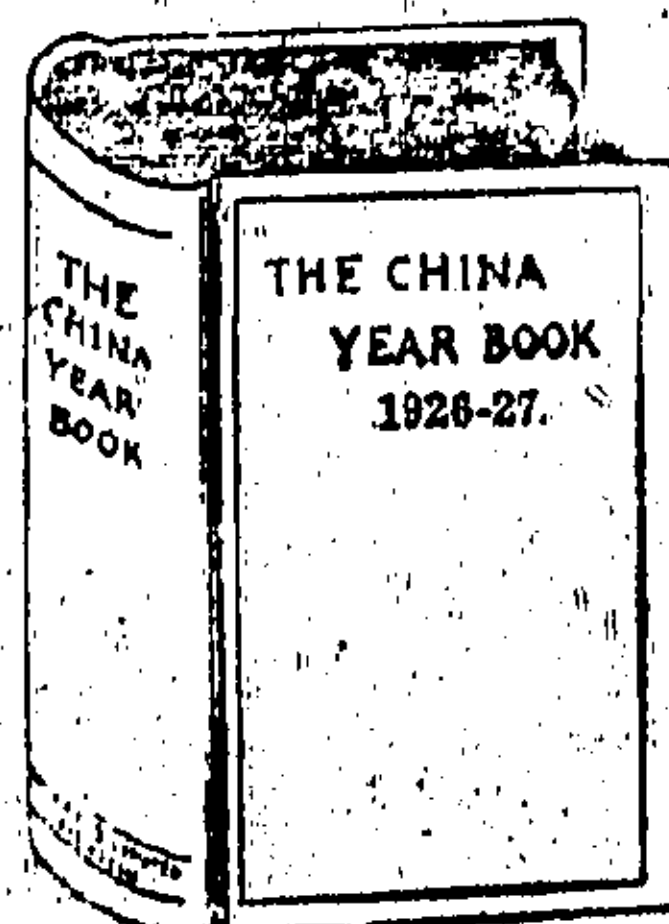
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H.M.S. "Hermes"
v.
A. B. DIXON
H.M.S. "Frobisher."

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2nd & 5th March.

MEMBERS' BADGES.

Members' Badges of Admission are now ready and may be obtained by those Members, who have not already received them, from Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings.

Members are reminded that these Badges will also admit them to all the Extra Race Meetings of this year.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Members have the privilege of introducing two non-members to the Members' Enclosure.

A limited number of tickets are available and may be obtained from Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings, on or before Saturday February 26th, 1927, at a cost of \$10 each per day or \$30 for the Meeting.

The charge for admission for Ladies to the Members' Enclosure will be \$4 per day. Each member can obtain upon application to the Secretary, badges for the admission of two Ladies free of charge. On no pretext will children be permitted in either enclosure during the first three days racing.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

Tickets of Admission to the Public Enclosure, price \$3 per day for all persons including Ladies, may be purchased from Messrs. Kelly & Walsh, Ltd. or at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform admitted to the Public Enclosure at \$1—per day.

SERVANTS' PASSES.

Passes for Servants will be issued on application to Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings.

Employers are requested to distribute them with discrimination, and to endorse their names on the passes.

Servants are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties, but must remain in their employers' stands.

Any persons found loitering about with Servants' Passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the enclosure.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 15th Feb., 1927.

WINGED POLICE.

THE WORK OF THE FLYING SQUAD.

HOT ON THE TRAIL OF CRIME.

The exploits of the Scotland-yard flying squad, which has been particularly active in London recently, appeal to the imagination as much as, if not more than, the work of any branch of the great Metropolitan Police Force, states a Home newspaper.

There is a popular idea that the squad goes off on a job much as firemen start off to fight a fire, with the clang of alarm bells and the rattle of high-powered machinery. Nothing could be further from fact. The flying squad, when it goes to work, has one great object in view, and that is to make itself as inconspicuous as possible. It definitely does not want to attract attention.

The squad leaders are informed that a convict has escaped, or motor bandits have brought off a coup. All the information in hand is passed on to the leaders. Then, in a few moments, a motor-van (similar to those discreet "plain" furniture vans) slips silently out of Scotland-yard and is speedily lost to sight. Nobody takes the slightest notice of the vehicle, which has its counterpart in thousands of other vehicles using the public highway. A few seconds elapse; another lorry leaves the Yard, and later another.

In each of these vehicles there may be a dozen detectives all hidden from the general view of the public. Naturally, the more urgent the search the better the trail, and the greater the number of officers employed.

Keenness.

There is nothing to distinguish these men from the average class of men who will be met with in the district to be searched. They look like respectable mechanics in the East End, while at other times they appear in the West End as prosperous-looking professional or business men.

They are all alike in one respect, from senior to junior, they are keen. Their enthusiasm never flags. They put in many anxious hours, many hours of unofficial overtime, but they never tire. Taken year in and year out, their record of successes is extraordinarily high when it is remembered that many carefully planned coups can be spoiled by the slightest unforeseen incident, as, for example, fog.

The Yard itself is behind these men who do such splendid work. The motor tenders provided are swift, and as time progresses, will be even swifter. They are equipped with wireless apparatus, so that they are always in touch with the Yard. Any new information which comes to headquarters in the course of the search is sent to the vans in a few seconds. The flying squad is undoubtedly one of the most efficient bodies of men in the world.

During December the cost of living fell from 79 per cent. to 75 per cent. above the pre-war level.

Reading were successful in their second replayed Cup-tie against Manchester United by 2 goals to 1.

SELLING HEIRLOOMS.

HOME JUDGES ASK IF IT IS NECESSARY.

PRICES NEVER SO HIGH.

Applications for permission to sell entailed heirlooms are becoming so frequent, because of the pressure of taxation and death duties, that judges are now much more exacting in their inquiries, and are insisting that the poverty of the applicants must be proved.

The rush is undiminished, although agreement has to be secured between the holder, the heir, and the heir-presumptive. Prices were never so high, and American buyers are converting into welcome cash ancestral plate, pictures, jewellery, furniture, prints, and manuscripts, which for years have been lying in town and country houses.

Valuers are busy seeking pedigrees for articles which, in themselves, would be of comparatively little worth.

"People cannot afford to keep things only to be admired or looked at which, if sold, would bring in an income," a valuer said to a "Daily Express" representative recently. "Consider a silver dressing case which had been in an old Devonshire house since 1743. It was bought then for £340.

"If this money had been laid out at compound interest, it would have grown by now to an immense sum."

FIRST FLIGHT IN 1560.

ORIGINATOR BEHEADED AS A SORCERER.

London, January 22.—"Wilbur and Orville Wright may be considered fortunate that the real originator of aviation was beheaded in 1560 as a sorcerer," says the Strasburg correspondent of the "Daily Mail."

Documents from Kremlin reveal that a Russian named Nikitcha, supported himself on wings.

Further holding a parachute, he glided from the top of Alexander's Cathedral to his feet.

Ivan the Terrible, who was in a violent anger, said: "This man is a sorcerer. His invention is the devil's invention. Man is a man, not a bird. Strike off his head."

A BAD SCHOLAR!

The Deputy Chairman at the London Sessions asked a man, "Do you mean to say that your boy is 18 and does not know what a betting slip is?"

The Man: He doesn't know, sir. He is a very bad scholar.

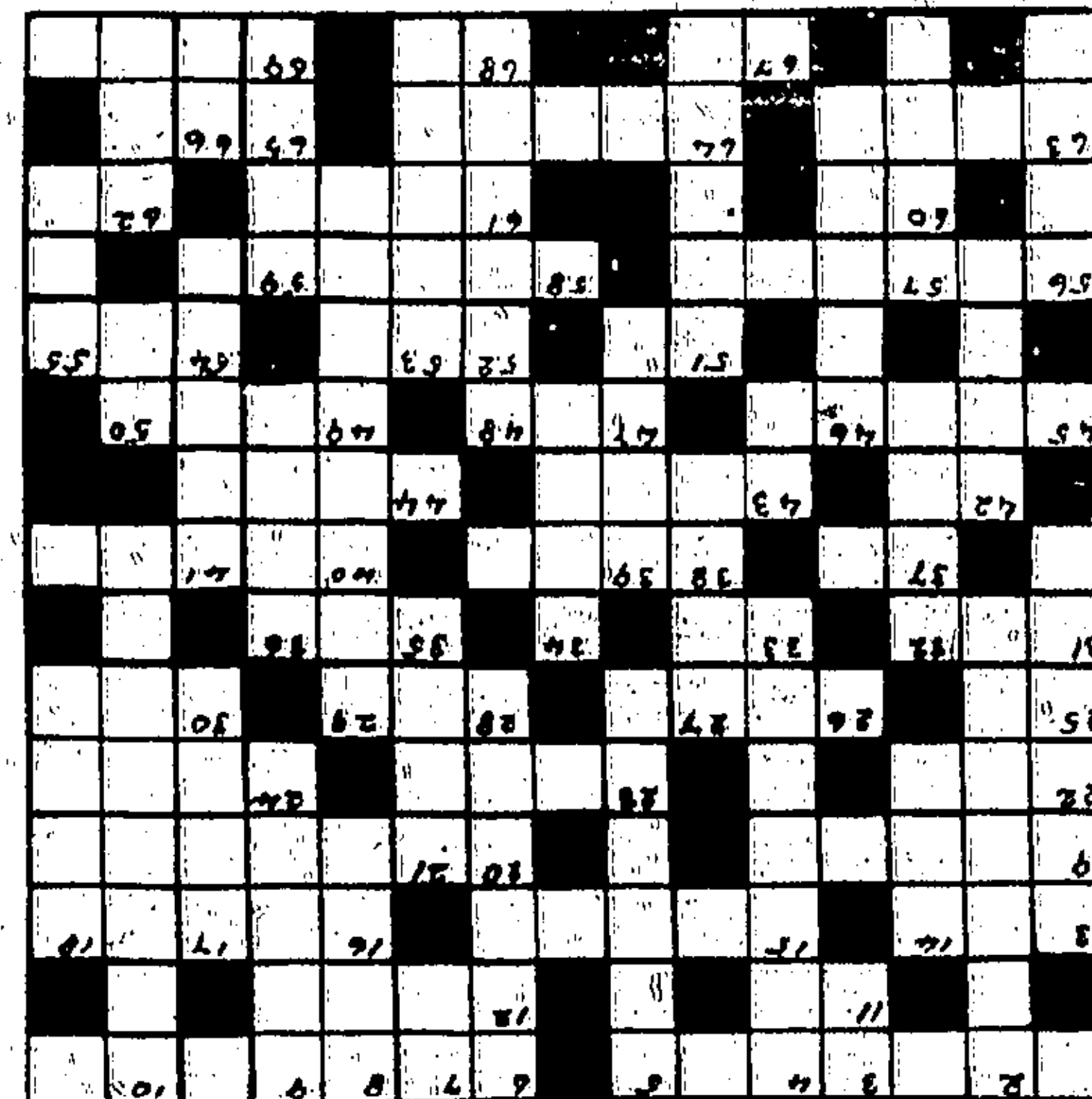
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1. The PRIZES in this competition are AWARDED STRICTLY on MERIT.
2. Each solution sent in must be made on the coupon cut from the "China Mail." Any number of solutions may be sent in.
3. An entry fee of fifty cents must accompany each coupon. Three entries, however, may be sent in together for one dollar. Letters sent through the post must not contain coins as they will not be delivered by the Post Office.
4. No entry will be considered under any circumstances whatsoever, unless entry money for each solution is enclosed.
5. Entries must reach the office of the "China Mail" not later than the time and date for closing announced on the coupon.
6. No responsibility is accepted for loss or delay in the post. All letters should be registered and/or sealed.
7. The prize of \$50 must be won and will be awarded for an all correct or nearest correct solution. In the event of ties the \$50 will be divided. No competitor may win more than one share of the prize in each competition.
8. The coupon must not be defaced in any way. All attempts must be in plain block letters and legible.
9. The Editor's decision will be final and binding in all matters of dispute, and he reserves the right to enter into Correspondence regarding the Competition.
10. Solutions will be published with the results, in this paper, every Thursday following the Closing Date.
11. Coupons will be kept for four days after the results of the competition have been published.
12. All letters must be addressed, "China Mail" Cross-words, c/o "China Mail" Offices, No. 5, Wyndham Street, Hong Kong.
13. No member of the staff of the "China Mail" will be allowed to compete.
14. Solutions are held under sealed cover and in no way will be opened until the close of the competition.



To "China Mail" Cross-words,"

c/o "China Mail" Offices,

No. 5, Wyndham Street, Hong Kong.

DEAR SIRS,

I agree to abide by your rules, and I enclose.....

for..... solution (s) which are attached.

Name.....

Address.....

[Please Write in Block Letters.]

CLOSING DATE FOR COUPONS: MONDAY, MAR. 7.

[Coupons received at the "China Mail" Office after mid-day on Monday will not be included in the competition.]

Clues Across.

1. To make rough.
6. Surrounding.
11. A printer's measure.
12. To carefully examine.
13. Consumed.
15. A place where a germ lodges and begins to develop.
17. A remnant of the camel family.
20. Unlawful.
22. Greasy liquid.
23. This is "Easy."
24. A head-dress.
25. N N (actual).
26. To touch gently.
28. A small tally tag.
30. A period of time (then reverse it).
31. Laid by a hen.
33. Exclamation of surprise.
35. To tease.
37. Royal Navy (abbrev.).
38. By word of mouth.
40. Summary of articles of religious belief.
42. A tree of the Pacific.
43. A crow.
44. Denotes a thing near.
45. Jointed parts in animals.
47. To breed.
49. Ecto (actual).
51. Church of England (abbrev.).
52. To be in trouble.
54. Not on.
56. A household god of divination (Heb.).
58. A type of curly coated dog (then reverse it).
60. 3rd pers. sing. pres. of "Be".
61. A peer of the realm.
62. Belonging to me (poss. adj.).
64. An irritating sensation in the skin.
66. The supracardinal plate of a chelonian carapace.
67. Open (poetic).
68. In like manner.
69. T B (actual).
70. To kindly.

Clues Down.

2. Non-existence: a cipher.
3. Royal Engineers (abbrev.).
4. Loss of memory.
5. Women of refined manners.
6. To help.
7. Initials of a military decoration.
8. Used for tennis, golf, etc.
9. Place of ingress or a small bay.
10. Thread-like.
13. Makes reparation.
14. A snake-like fish.
17. Same as "Again."
18. On the lee side.
21. A leash.
27. To scare away.
28. An unmarried man.
32. Stern.
34. Levantine spirituous-liquor.
36. A derivative smile.
39. A flower.
41. To stop or bar.
42. A vetch.
43. Royal Scots (abbrev.).
46. Watery stuff.
48. A hay loft.
50. Out from.
51. The jaws.
53. Images.
55. Doomed.
56. Pertaining to chief race in the Indo-Chinese peninsula.
57. Wealthy.
59. "To-do" reversed.
62. Plural of "man."
66. To mis-type.

Competitors are reminded that this prize is to be awarded for the correct solution, or if nobody succeeds in getting the correct solution, for the NEAREST correct solution. Therefore, even if you have not done the cross-word puzzle in full, send in what you have done—it may prove to be the nearest correct solution.

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From Hong Kong.

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KAMO MARU Saturday, 9th April.

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TANGO MARU Wednesday, 23rd March, at 11 a.m.

AKI MARU Wednesday, 20th April.

NEW YORK and/or BOSTON via PANAMA.

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MAYBASHI MARU Saturday, 26th March.

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TOYOHASHI MARU (Calls Saigon) Friday, 11th March.

BUENOS AIRES via Singapore, Durban & Cape Town.

HAKATA MARU Wednesday, 23rd March.

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MURORAN MARU Wednesday, 2nd March.

RANGOON via SINGAPORE & PENANG.

YAMAGATA MARU Monday, 7th March.

NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

AKI MARU Saturday, 10th March.

SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

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Mr. T. J. Thomas, second officer, "Talkoo Wan Yi," has gone second officer, "Nanning."

Mr. R. J. Forster, third officer, "Talkoo Wan Yi," has gone second officer, same ship.

Mr. S. S. Marr has been appointed third officer, "Talkoo Wan Yi."

Mr. J. Will, third engineer, "Kiangsu," has gone third engineer, "Kueichow."

Mr. W. H. Scurr, third engineer, "Kueichow," has gone third engineer, "Kiangsu."

Mr. R. Barclay, chief engineer, "Kiangsu," is on Home leave.

Mr. A. Duncan, third engineer, "Sunning," has gone third engineer, "Anhui."

Mr. E. C. Fitzpatrick, third engineer, "Anhui," has gone third engineer, "Sunning."

Mr. W. Orr, second engineer, "Sunning," has gone acting second engineer, "Kiangsu."

Mr. R. B. Peck, supply second engineer, "Kiangsu," has gone second engineer, "Sunning."

Mr. R. S. Sinclair, second engineer, "Kiangsu," has gone acting chief engineer, "Kwaiyang."

Mr. C. N. Flood, chief engineer, "Kwaiyang," is on reserve.

Mr. H. Dalglish, from Home leave, has gone chief engineer, "Kueichow."

Mr. D. McCormack, chief engineer, "Kueichow," has gone chief engineer, "Kaiyang."

Mr. W. Niblock, chief engineer, "Kaiyang," is on reserve.

Mr. A. C. Newton, second officer, "Mausang," has gone second officer, "Kutsang."

Mr. A. F. Jamieson, third officer, "Kutsang," has gone second officer, same ship.

Mr. G. Clarke, second officer, "Kiangsu," has gone supply second officer, "Kutwo."

Mr. R. Clark, supply third engineer, "Kwongsang," has gone third engineer, "Kutwo."

Mr. J. A. Thom, third engineer, "Kutwo," has gone acting second engineer, same ship.

Captain R. Elvidge, of the "Hydrangea," has gone Berthing Officer, Harbour Officer, Hong Kong.

Mr. W. Ferritt, chief officer, "Hydrangea," has gone master, same ship.

Mr. P. H. Goling, chief officer, "Charles Hardouin," has gone chief officer, "Hydrangea."

Mr. W. Costen, from reserve, has gone second officer, "Kaiping."

Mr. A. McAlister, from reserve, has gone third officer, "Kaiping."

Mr. R. P. McGregor, second engineer, "Kaiping," is on reserve.

Mr. W. W. Colquhoun has been appointed second engineer, "Kaiping."

—Shipping & Engineering.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The P. & O. s.s. "Kashmir" from Hong Kong arrived London on Feb. 27, at 2 p.m.

The Ben Line s.s. "Benavon" from Middlesbrough, Antwerp, London, Straits and Philippines, is due to arrive here to-day.

The m.v. "Delhi" (Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.) left Antwerp on Jan. 26, and is due here to-morrow.

The P. & O. s.s. "Macedonia" left Singapore for this port on Feb. 27, at 9 a.m., with the outward English mails, and is due here to-morrow.

The Ben Line s.s. "Benavon" from Middlesbrough, Antwerp, London, Straits and Philippines, is due to arrive here on March 4.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" arrived at Manila yesterday, at 7 a.m., leaves that port to-morrow, at 4 p.m., and is due at Hong Kong on March 5, at 8.30 a.m.

The Ben Line s.s. "Benmacduagh" from Middlesbrough, Antwerp, London and Straits, is due to arrive here on March 6.

The E. I. s.s. "Takada" left Singapore for this port on Feb. 28, p.m., and is due here on March 6, at about 7 a.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" left Yokohama on Feb. 25, and is due at Vancouver on March 5, about 2 p.m.

H.M.S. "ADVENTURE."

SECRETS OF NEW MYSTERY SHIP.

With the completion of the cruiser mine-layer "Adventure," a new type of warship enters the British Navy. Laid down at Devonport four years ago, she has just been commissioned for trials.

She is 500 feet long, 58 feet in beam, draws 14 feet 6 inches of water, and displaces 6,740 tons. Her engines are of 40,000 h.p., giving an estimated speed of some 29 knots.

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MORFA	10,918	18th May	Marseilles & London
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men as a solution of the problem

of Federal aid for merchant ship-

ping.

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it is pointed out, would convey an

assurance that the funds contribut-

ed by the Government would be

devoted to the rebuilding of the

merchant marine as contemplated

by the provisions of the Merchant

Marine Act in relation to ocean

mail rates.

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Bill as amended by the Senate pro-

vides the sum of 1,032,960 dollars

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tracts for the fiscal year ending

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ping men are hoping that the

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Tientsin	CHONGSHING	Tues. 8th Mar. at Noon.
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No doctor has ever saved a pneumonia patient from death, but many have helped him to save himself, writes a physician in the "Daily Mail."

The medical text-books of twenty years ago tell of it as a disease that ran a very definite and dramatic course, ending (in



Alejandro Cesar, new minister from Nicaragua to the United States.

those cases which recovered) in a "crisis" as sudden as the knock-out in a prize fight.

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No satisfactory preventive vaccine has been discovered as yet, and it behoves all of us—for it is a disease that may strike down the strongest—to keep to the same common-sense principles of good and sufficient food, and a proper respect for the potential dangers of a common cold.

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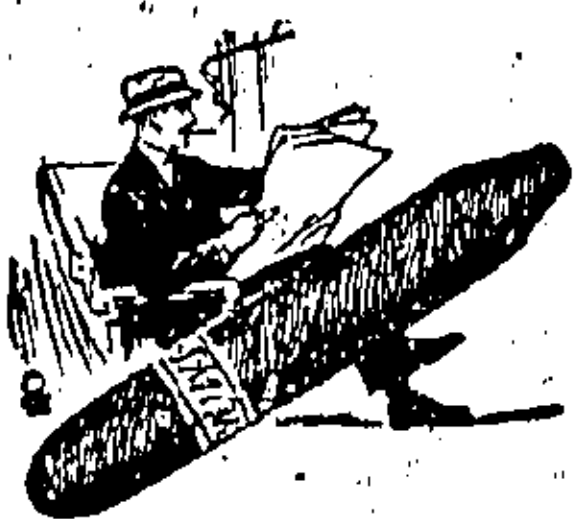
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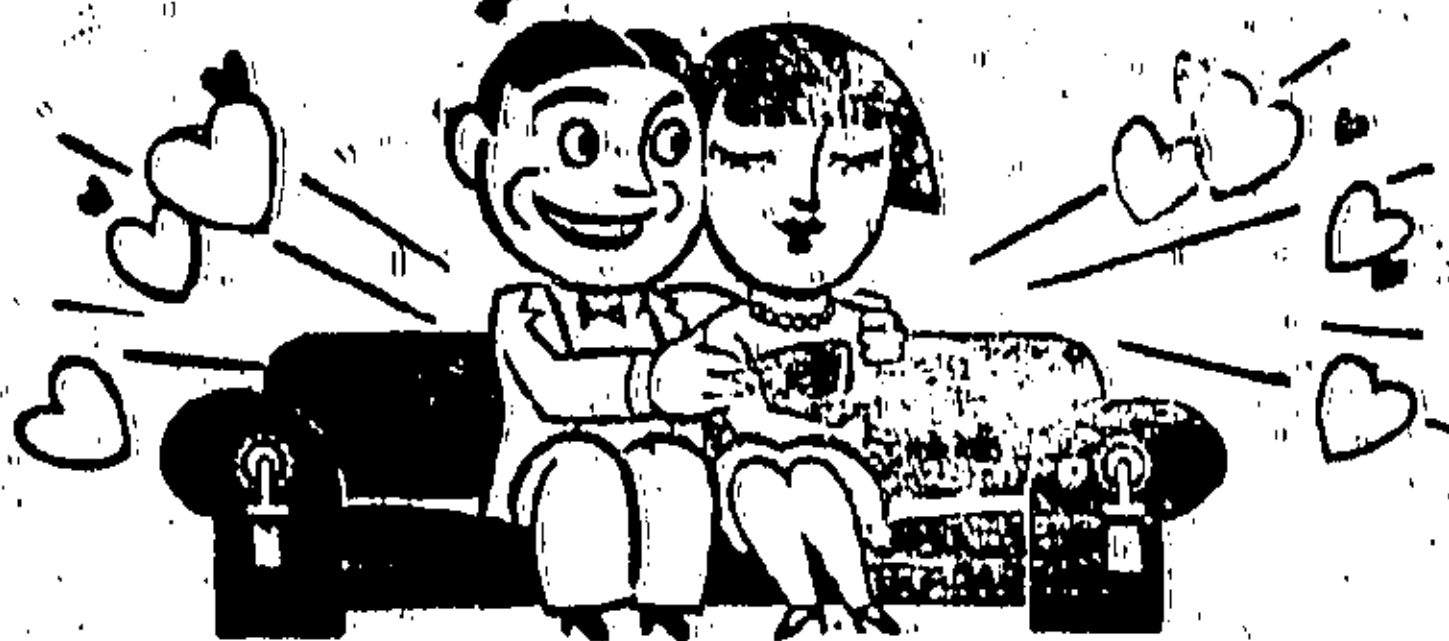
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VOLUNTEERING.

The fact that a Bill, having as
its object compulsory military
service, has been scotched in
Kenya Colony, furnished the
"Straits Times" with a lever to
press home the benefits of Volun-
teering. Whilst satisfied with
the position in Malaya generally,
it remarks that "the ideal will be
reached when every young man
coming to the country joins the
Volunteers as a matter of
course." It adds that, without
taking an alarmist view of the
situation in China—where, in
fact, the possibility of trouble in-
volving the use of British force is
perhaps less evident than it
was a fortnight ago—it can be
said that the present state of
affairs in the Far East em-
phasises the necessity of every fit
young man becoming efficient in
the use of arms, ready to take his
place where he is required should
an emergency arise.

Coming so soon after the an-
nual inspection of the Hong Kong
Volunteer Defence Corps, and
coupled with the possibility of
our Volunteers being called-upon
to perform more strenuous
duties than at present, the re-
marks of our Singapore contem-
porary are extremely apposite.
Had our Volunteers not risen to
the occasion so nobly in the past
it is safe to say that the action
of Kenya in endeavouring to foist
a compulsory scheme of military
service on the public would have
been seriously considered here
long ago. When it is known that
the Kenya Bill had the previous

sanction of the Secretary of
State for the Colonies it will be
seen what would have been the
position of the Government of
Hong Kong in an emergency aris-
ing out of the upheaval in China.
Tolerably certain is it that such
a Bill here, would have created
immense opposition—no less, in
fact, than it did in Kenya. But
the position of Kenya is entirely
on a different footing from that
of Hong Kong. Here there has
been serious trouble on our very
threshold—over it, indeed—and
we may be very sure that only
dire necessity would have driven
the authorities to introduce a
compulsory military service mea-
sure.

The fact that no attempt will
ever be made in the direction of
compulsory service is no reason
in itself, however, for not
strengthening the Volunteer
Corps by every means
possible. It would be idle
to say that in this Colony
we have reached the ideal men-
tioned by the "Straits Times"—
that every young man coming to
the country is joining as a matter
of course. Not only would it be
a fallacy to assert so, but it is a
fact that there are many fit
young men who have been resi-
dent some years here and who
have not yet joined the Volun-
teers and do not intend to do so.
Many, again, have enrolled, only
to drop out after a year or so.
That, of course, is regrettable;
but there is no use blinking facts
and trying to believe that in
matters Volunteering "every-
thing in the garden is lovely" in
Hong Kong. There is room for
considerable improvement. It
may be that the proximity of the
trouble in China, and the sight
of so many of the Regular Army
coming out from Home, will
stimulate interest in Volunteering.
That, again, may be no
more than a pious hope, but it is
one that is worth while express-
ing if it can exercise the slightest
moral effect on those fit young
men still outside the ranks of the
Hong Kong Volunteer Defence
Corps.

Retting Systems.

You all know him. He is the
man with a system. Tips leave
him cold; fancy stirs him not;
intuition he utterly scorns. No-
thing will sway his choice but
system. Just what his system is
you cannot always learn. Some-
times he will let you prize out of
him the fact that he is backing

the jockeys; other times he will
guardedly disclose that he is in-
voking the law of averages
(though you cannot see how).
Mostly, however, he will answer
you with the one word—system.
And with that you must go your
way content. His faith, if genu-
ine and not merely a ruse to
escape the importunities of pun-
ters seeking the "sure thing" and
the "dead cert"—his faith is
touching, for more than once it
has been conclusively proved
(systematically proved, if you
like) that betting systematically
usually means ultimate loss. Even
if you follow the advice given in
this column on Monday and limit
the number of your bets so that a
run of bad luck cannot cost you
more than a known sum, still the
chances are against you. A few
years ago before the flat racing
season began, "Truth's" sporting
writer gave a list of fifteen horses
it should "pay to follow." One
of his readers consistently fol-
lowed the list, betting a pound each
time any one of the fifteen ran.
That meant an investment of £29.
Sixty-four of these were losses
but the odds received made the
balance of wins produce £132 17s.
8d., a profit of £268 odd. This
"satisfactory and very fortunate
result" was largely due to one
horse paying fifty to one. But
such odds are rare and cannot be
expected by the systematic pun-
ter. However, apart from inter-
est in the experiment, the gentle-
man doubtless considered £29 a
fair risk for the fun he had
secured during the season. And
that, after all, is the way most
people regard racing, whether
they bet capriciously or system-
atically!

LOCAL WEDDING.

MR. G. W. GUEST AND MISS
EDITH MAY.

The wedding was solemnized
at St. Peter's Church, West
Point, yesterday afternoon of
Edith May, only daughter
of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Fincher,
and Albert Edward Guest,
only son of the late Mr. G. W. F.
Guest and Mrs. Guest of Singa-
pore.

The Rev. H. Copley, Moyle
officiated, while Mr. G. W. R.
Griggs was at the organ. The
service was fully choral.
The bride, who was given away
by her father, was attired in a
gown of white charmeuse trim-
med with silver embroidery and
pearls, with train of georgette,
embroidered with silver and
pearls and edged with silver lace
over shell pink georgette. Her
long veil was of tulle with coronet
of pearls and orange blossoms,
and she carried a sheaf of chry-
santhemums and rosebuds.

The bride was attended by
Miss Edwina L. Rogers as brides-
maid, and Miss Iris Woolley as
flower girl. The former wore a
dress of mauve georgette with
mauve tulle toque, trimmed with
silver roses and streamers. Miss
Woolley's dress was of shell pink
georgette with a bandeau of tulle.
The bridesmaid carried a bouquet
of sweet peas, while Miss Woolley
carried a silver basket trimmed
with tulle and rose buds.

The bride's mother wore a
gown of fawn georgette with
flowered border, and black pic-
ture hat. Her bouquet was of
sweet peas.
Mr. Frank Brett, of the
P.W.D., was best man.

A reception was afterwards
held at No. 229, Nathan Road,
after which the happy couple
motored to Repulse Bay for the
honeymoon which will be extend-
ed by a trip to England.

STOWAWAYS.

THOUGHT THEY WERE GOING
TO CANTON.

Peter Shemchedze (Georgian)
and Constantine Shebelin (Ser-
bian) were this morning charged
before Major Wilson with arriv-
ing in the Colony without papers,
as stowaways on the s.s. "Lee
Chung" from Shan Mei, in Chi-
nese territory.

The accused said they had no
intention of coming to Hong
Kong. They were under the im-
pression that the steamer was
going to Canton, where they had
been told they would be able to
find work.

His Worship passed sentence of
one month's imprisonment each,
to be followed by deportation.

Col J. F. C. Fuller, D.S.O., has
been appointed Brigade Comman-
der, 7th Infantry Brigade. Since
February last year he has been
Military Assistant (General Staff
Officer, 1st grade) to the Chief of
the Imperial General Staff at the
War Office. Col. Fuller, who was
associated with the development of
tanks during the war, has written a
number of books on warfare. His
future will be expounded by his
belief in a mechanical army which
requires few men and powerful
machines.

ST. DAVID'S SOCIETY

Traditional Hospitality
of the Welsh.

LAST NIGHT'S DINNER.

Worthy of the best traditions
of the Welsh people with their
fame for hospitality was the wel-
come given by some thirty to
forty members of the Hong Kong
St. David's Society to an equal
number of guests last night on
the occasion of the annual St.
David's dinner observance.

Also in accordance with the
justly established reputation of
the Welsh for music was the ex-
cellent programme of entertain-
ment which followed dinner.

The gathering was presided
over by Mr. D. J. Lewis, Presi-
dent of the Society.

Among those present were:
Mr. R. Sutherland, past Presi-
dent St. Andrew's Society, Mrs.
Trautman, the Hon. Mr. E. D. C.
Wolfe, Mrs. D. J. Lewis, Mrs.
Wolfe, Mr. D. W. Trautman, Mrs.
C. Grimble, Doctor Black,
Past President of St. Andrew's
Society, Mrs. Sutherland,
treasurer of St. David's Society,
Mr. W. A. Dowley, President of
St. George's Society, Mrs. J. H.
Smith, Doctor W. L. Thomas,
Vice-President of St. David's
Society, Mrs. Lindsell, Mr.
E. J. R. Mitchell, Mr. J. T. Prior,
Mr. G. S. Hugh-Jones, hon. secre-
tary of St. David's Society, Mr.
C. P. Anderson, Mrs. Olsen,
Madame Sarraut, Captain R. D.
Thomas, Mrs. Rundell, Mr. F.
White, Mr. J. Wynn Williams,
Mr. R. E. Lindsell, Doctor J. C.
McGown, Mrs. Mitchell, Mr. J. H.
Smith, R. A. Doctor Morrison,
Doctor Nicholson, Mrs. Fredericks,
Mr. C. J. Walters, A. B. F. O.
Razzy, R.N., Mrs. F. White, Mr.
E. C. Thomas, Mrs. Hooper, Mr.
F. Hooper, Mr. G. H. Elkins, Mr.
W. H. Bell, Mrs. Remington, Mr.
E. Ralphs, Mr. D. H. Blake, Mr.
H. Owen Hughes, Lieut. Hughes,
R.N., Mr. A. B. Raworth, Mr.
D. M. Richards, Mr. A. E. Stone,
Mr. D. Davies, Commander R. D.
Williams, R.N., Inspector George,
Mr. J. Muir, Mr. J. S. Thomas,
Mr. J. Barrett, Mrs. Black, Mr.
G. Grimble, Mrs. W. H. Bell, Mr.
J. Owen Hughes, Mr. Justice
J. R. Wood, Mr. H. R. Reming-
ton, Mrs. Raworth, Mr. E. I.
Wynne Jones, Mr. A. Dyer Ball,
Mr. R. R. Davies, Mr. A. G.
Langston, Mr. A. Morris, Mr.
H. G. Hughes, Mr. T. J. Price,
and Mr. E. R. Price.

"Land of Our Fathers."
After the loyal toast and that
of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales
had been observed, the President
proposed "The Land of Our
Fathers." In view of the trou-
bles that had surrounded the
Colony for a period of nearly
two years he thought it was a
matter for congratulation that
there was so large and represen-
tative a gathering present.

A message of good wishes from
Sir William Rees Davies, a past
President of the Society, was
read amid applause. Continuing,
the President said that they had
met to vivify the memories of
their homeland. They rejoiced
in their pride of their country,
of their princes and warriors,
of their poets and bards. They were
proud of the fact that they were
free, equal and loyal partners in
that union of great races who
formed the British Empire.

After referring to the episcopal
labours of Dewi, Archbishop of
Wales, their patron saint, and to
the Cathedral which bears his
name and contains his mortal re-
mains, at Mynyw, Pembroke,
shire the President gave the
toast which was observed by the
singing of the Welsh national
song, "Hen Wlad fy Nhadau."

The Guests.

The toast of "Our Guests" was
given by Dr. Thomas who coupled
with it the names of Messrs.
Dowley and Sutherland. Al-
though the Society could not
compete in size with the So-
cieties which their honoured
guests represented, what they
lacked in number they endeav-
oured to make up in their warmth
of welcome (applause).

In reply, Mr. Sutherland, after
some witty reminiscences of
Wales and Welsh names, referred
to the immense value of National
Societies in the East and said
that the larger societies had the
greatest admiration for the
smaller units who so worthily
upheld the traditions of their
race.

Mr. Dowley also replied and
said that on the 23rd of next
month the St. George's Society
would be able to do something
more in entertaining kindred
Societies.

Among those who contributed
to the entertainment programme
were Mr. D. M. Richards, Mr.
L. E. Hopkins, Capt. E. D.
Thomas, Mrs. Hooper, Mrs.
White, Mr. A. E. Stone, Mr. D.
Davies and Mr. F. White, with
Mr. G. Grimble at the piano.

ROYAL MARINES.

The Men Who Have
Come to China.

HIGH STANDARD SET.

Although the King is their
Colonel-in-chief and they are phy-
sically—and in other ways too—
one of the finest bodies of men
wearing His Majesty's uniform, it
is only upon such occasions as the
present despatch of a battalion to
China that the Royal Marines come
into the limelight. Being quartered
in the naval ports of Chatham,
Plymouth and Portsmouth they are
not "seen about" to the same ex-
tent that Army units are, remarks
the naval correspondent of the
"Daily Mail."

Then, again, they occupy an
anomalous position halfway be-
tween Army and Navy. Afloat, the
Royal Marine is under the Navy
Discipline Act; ashore he is under
the Army Act, yet he is a part of
the Navy all the time and the ad-
ministrative headquarters of his
corps are at the Admiralty. He is
dressed like a soldier, with a certain amount
of Army training added, and he is
trained for the purpose of serving
aboard warships. In short, he is
a sea soldier.

First Royal Marines.
The first Royal Marines were
the soldiers who were in olden days
embarked for duty in men-of-war.
Only the larger warships these days
carry Royal Marine detachments,
whose duties aboard are not great-
ly different from those of the blue-
jackets. In addition to manning
guns and taking part in the general
work of the ship, the Marines pro-
vide sentries, officers' servants, and
men for special duties.

In the "Renown" at the present
moment the Duke of York has a
Marine orderly and Marine order-
lies are in charge of the Royal
apartments. The Royal hairdress-
er is a Marine, too. The Royal
Naval School of Music, which pro-
vides bands for the whole navy, is
also a Marine establishment.

In the old days when sailors were
inclined to be mutinous the Marine
detachment of a ship was always
berthed between the officers and the
crew as a measure of protection.
That custom still obtains, for tradi-
tion dies hard.

A high standard is demanded of
all recruits, for the Royal Marines
have a record of fighting in all parts
of the world of which every officer
and man is justifiably proud.
Their badge of the globe (given
them by George IV.) wreathed with
laurel and surmounted by "Gibraltar"
and their motto "Per Mare,
Per Terram" are a recognition of
this. The Royal Marines are one
of the few regiments that have the
right to march through the City of
London with bayonets fixed.

ANIMAL IMITATOR.

MAN WHO MADE QUEEN
LAUGH.

66 YEARS ON STAGE.

After 66 years' continuous
work as a circus and music-hall
artist, Mr. Fred Griffiths is short-
ly to retire.

He claims to have represented
on the stage nearly every animal
in the Zoo, so it is fitting that he
should now become a keeper of
real animals.

He is taking a small farm in
Kent.

In his dressing-room at the
London Coliseum he told a "Daily
Chronicle" representative that he
had represented:

A monkey. A buffalo.
A fighting cock. A donkey.
A wrestling lion.

He had also been a singer, a
dancer, an acrobat, a conjurer,
a tumbler and a clown, a tragedian
and a gymnast.

Start at Five.

"I was apprenticed at the age
of five to an old circus man named
Matthews, and made my first
appearance in 'Cinderella' at
Newsome's Circus, Oxford.

"I was bound to Mr. Matthews
on a seven years' contract, and
my salary was a halfpenny a
week for the whole of that
period.

"But whenever my perform-
ance was considered unsatisfac-
tory the halfpenny was 'docked,'
and I got a clout instead." One
of Griffiths' first appearances in
public was made by emerging
from a carpet bag carried by Mr.
Matthews.

At a performance at the
Coliseum in December 1923 on
behalf of the Variety Artists'
Benevolent Fund Mr. Griffiths
earned the title of "The Man who
made the Queen laugh."

The Queen was immensely
amused by "Fogo, the horse, of
which Mr. Griffiths is head and
front legs, and his son hind legs.

EMPIRE TRADE VALUES.

London, Jan. 23.
Emphasising the importance of
Empire trade, Mr. L. C. Amery
(Secretary of State for the Domini-
ons and Colonies), during a visit
to Glasgow, said that the trade of
the New Zealand was worth that
of twelve Frenchmen; 25 Germans,
20 Americans, 100 Chinese, or 400
Russians.

ICHANG PEACE.

Strike and Boycott Both Over.

AGREEMENT SIGNED.

Northern Troops In Anhui Join The South.

The Hong Kong naval authorities have received a wireless message stating that the strike and boycott have come to an end at Ichang.

Numerous movements of troops are taking place and a defection to the Southerners is reported in Anhui.

SHIPPING STRIKE.

The Trouble at Ichang Ended.

The following wireless messages were received over-night by the local naval authorities:—

As the result of meetings held all day on Monday at Ichang between the Consul, representatives of Jardine, Matheson & Co., Butterfield and Swire and the Labour Union, an agreement regarding the terms of return to work of shipping dockmen and others on strike was arrived at and signed yesterday. The strike and boycott being terminated.

Defection of "Northern" troops in Anhui to the Southerners is reported. Two more batches of Southern troops have crossed to the North bank of the river at Kiukiang, for the purpose, it is believed, of service against the advance Shantung troops from Peking.

There is considerable activity at Mantung where garrisons are being moved down-river.

Chungking Precautions. At Ankang, Shantung troops are visible and more are heading. Troops are still arriving at Hankow from up-river.

Processions still continue but there have been no untoward incidents.

The community at Chungking is being reduced to an essential minimum. The final party of missionaries are to be evacuated to-day.

AMERICA'S POLICY.

Cables From North and South.

Washington, March 1. Mr. Porter, Chairman of the House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee, has published cables from Mr. Eugene Chen and Dr. Wellington Koo endorsing his resolution in favour of independent American action in dealing with China.

Mr. Porter received the cables from Dr. Koo, the Chinese Minister at Washington.

Mr. Chen's message hopes that the American Government will not repeat the British Government's mistakes of procedure.

Dr. Koo described Mr. Porter's efforts as a new token of American friendship to the Chinese people. —Reuter's American Service.

UNITED CHINA.

Views of Sun Yat-sen's Closest Friend.

San Francisco, Feb. 19.—The spirit of the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen, China's first provisional president, is enshrined in the old editorial offices of the "Mid-West Daily News" in San Francisco's China Town.

The small office of Dr. Sun is now occupied by Ng Poon Chew, editor of the News, who was Sun's closest friend.

"The party principles we espoused will not lead China to Communism," Mr. Chew believes. "China will not become Bolshevik." The older and more conservative influences in China will prevail and some place between the extremism of Russia and the reaction of the Manchu Monarchy, China will find its resting place as a united nation, modern and progressive. It will become a strong but not a militant nation."

MUKDEN AND CANTON.

Further Rumour of Negotiation.

In some confirmation of the many rumours of negotiations between the Fengtien leaders and General Chang, Kai-shek, the manager of a local foreign firm, which has agencies in Manchuria, has received circumstantial reports of a tentative agreement between the opposing military dependent upon the elimination of the Russian instructors and advisers in the Kuomintang camp, says the "North China Daily News."

A little more colour is lent to this story by the very reliable report that General Galen, the Austrian commander who has acted as the controller of the military movements of the Cantonese on behalf of Soviet Russia, is sulking in the International Hospital in Hankow, supposedly a nervous wreck, but actually suffering from no complaint but bad temper. Like his colleagues who formerly served as military advisers to Feng Yu-hsiang at Kalgan, he has quarrelled with Borodin over matters of policy and anti-foreign practice and, in his absence, it may be that Chang Kai-shek feels free to shake off Russian control.

Manchurian reports also have it that a Fengtien-Cantonese alliance would suit present Japanese policy, particularly if it involved the elimination of Marshal Wu Pei-fu and other irreconcilables. The alarming part of this news is, however, that the prospective coalition, while turning anti-Red, would almost certainly continue to be anti-British. But these reports have always to be taken with circumspection.

WHO THEY ARE.

Records of General Duncan's Staff.

Viscount Gort, V.C., D.S.O., M.V.O., M.C., who holds the rank of colonel in the Grenadier Guards, has been chief-instructor at the Senior Officers' School, Sheerness, since Feb. 12, 1926. He is the 6th Viscount. Entering the Army in 1906, he became A.D.C. to the G.O.C. the London District in 1913, rising to the rank of captain in 1914 and brevet major in 1918. During the European War he gained the V.C. and M.C., and was mentioned in despatches nine times. He was promoted colonel in 1926.

Colonel W. D. S. Brownrigg, D.S.O., joined the 1st Sherwood Foresters in 1905, and was a captain when the Great War broke out. He served as D.A.A. and Q.M.G. with the Thirtieth Division, under Sir Frederick Shaw, in Gallipoli and Mesopotamia, from 1915-18, and was mentioned in despatches six times. He was appointed G.S.O. to the Royal Military College in 1921, and to the War Office in 1923. He attained the rank of brevet colonel with the Sherwood Foresters on July 1, 1925. He is a General Staff Officer of the First Grade in the Department of the Chief of the Imperial General Staff.

Lieut.-Colonel D. C. Cameron, O.B.E., has been attached to the Royal Army Service Corps at Edinburgh for some time. He is a Staff College graduate. Colonel Howard Ensor, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., has had a distinguished career with the Royal Army Medical Corps, which he entered in 1899. He served in the South African War, and acted as Senior Medical Officer to the Beir Expedition in 1911. During the European War he was mentioned six times in despatches. He was appointed Colonel in 1925.

The Assistant Director of Ordnance Services, Lieut.-Colonel Charles Merton Stephen, is the D.A.D.S. of the South China Command. He was born on Sept. 6, 1874, and was the son of the late Mr. A. Stephen, of Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. He received his military education at the Royal Military College, Canada, and was gazetted to the Cheshire Regiment in 1896 as a second lieutenant. He left the Cheshire Regiment in 1904 to join the Ordnance Corps. Colonel Stephen saw service throughout the South African War and European War. He was made a C.M.G. in 1916. Colonel Stephen is an Ordnance Officer Second Class, and has been in the China Command for some time.

Colonel H. de C. Martelli, D.S.O., has been in command of the 52nd and 53rd Field Brigades of Artillery at Farnborough Barracks, Preston, since Aug. 21, 1925. Lieut.-Colonel T. G. G. Heywood, who has qualified as a first-class interpreter in a modern foreign language, was appointed brevet lieutenant-colonel in December, 1923.

Colonel P. B. Sangster, C.M.G., D.S.O., who commands the 20th Indian Brigade, was in command of the Rangoon Brigade Area. He officiated as Commander of the Burma District from March to October, 1925. He was commissioned in the Indian Unattached List in 1894, and joined the Hampshire Regiment in India the following year. He served in the Tirah Campaign in 1897, and as Brigade Major of the 2nd Mountain Brigade in France in 1914-15, later being appointed D.A.A. and Q.M.C. to the Indian Cavalry Corps. He was Colonel Commandant of the Equitation School at Sangor in India from 1921 to 1924.

EARLIER MESSAGES.

Defection of a Northern General.

Shanghai, March 1.

One of Sun's leading Generals, at Sungkiang, Meng Chao Yueh (who had already given Sun a good deal of trouble) and his staff deserted this morning, refusing to fight along with the Shantung troops. Meng Chao Yueh commanded a division. What action his probably now officerless men are taking is at present unknown, but it is feared that this important defection forebodes further serious dissensions between the allies at Sungkiang, whether the Shantung troops were proceeding in much larger numbers this afternoon.—Reuter.

POLICY IN CHINA.

British Labour Leaders' Vacillation.

London, March 1. Commenting sympathetically on Dr. Haden Guest's resignation, the "Times" says that nothing has shown the Labour leaders' weakness and vacillation in so glaring a light as the series of contradictory movements—the admission of responsibility towards the protection of endangered British subjects combined with the denunciation of every step required to protect them from the reckless talk about British aggression and the still more dangerous intrigue with a Chinese faction—which has marked their whole handling of an extraordinarily difficult national problem.

"Flagrant Folly and Mischievous." The "Daily Telegraph" agrees with the speech of Earl Bickenhead in condemning the sending of a telegram by the British Labour Party to the Cantonese Foreign Office as unparalleled in any British Party's record and says there are signs that even those who committed the Party to this course of flagrant folly and mischief would

FLOOD, HAVOC.

\$6,500,000 To Repair Malay States Damage.

Singapore, March 1. It is officially estimated that an expenditure of \$6,500,000 is necessary to repair the damage done by the recent floods in the Federated Malay States.—Reuter.

gladly have forgotten it. The Labour Party's spokesmen are likely not to attempt to answer Lord Bickenhead's indictment but to take their castigation silently.—Reuter.

Coming to a Head.

Said a Home paper in mail week:—A meeting of the Parliamentary Labour Party will be held next week before the opening of Parliament. It is evident, says "The Times," that considerable difference of opinion has developed between the two wings of the Labour Party on the question of China, but Mr. MacDonald's statement that he would give all possible help to the Government in its policy of negotiation on the lines of the recognition of Chinese independence, correctly interprets the views of the moderate members of the party. They point out that the policy laid down by the Independent Labour Party, of intervention in the affairs of China on the side of the Cantonese when civil war is raging, is tantamount to a declaration of war against the Northern Government. If the Parliamentary Party, at its meeting on Feb. 8, endorses that policy, there is no doubt that independent action will be taken by a group within the party, which refuses to subscribe to it. In that group, presumably, would be Mr. Haden Guest, who has called a meeting of his executive in North Southwark in order to discuss with them the Chinese situation. It is expected that he will then indicate that he feels obliged to claim for himself complete independence of action, as, so far, he finds no reason to quarrel with the policy of the Government.

LATEST CABLES.

DEFENDING THE ROAD TO SHANGHAI.

MARSHAL SUN REPLACED.

Shanghai, March 2. Following the desertion of Meng Chao-yueh, General Li Pao-chang, Defence Commission of Shanghai, announces the withdrawal of Marshal Sun Chuan-fang's entire army, estimated at 24,000 from Sungkiang. The retirement has commenced.

By arrangement with General Chang Tsung-chang it may be replaced by the Shantung army which is now pouring into Sungkiang by every available train. The effect of the foregoing arrangement is that General Chang Tsung-chang is now in command of all the forces defending the road to Shanghai.

Marshal Sun's Army, whose morale has been a good deal broken, is proceeding to different parts of the Province.—Reuter.

CHARGE AGAINST TREVOR.

Ernest Trevor charged with alleged theft from guests of the Glenelg Hotel was again before Major Wilson when a further remand was ordered until March 7. Bail was allowed in the sum of \$500.

The Hong Kong Radio Society is broadcasting a concert to-morrow night, (commencing at 8 o'clock) by the Chinese Amateur Musical Association. Five of its members (Messrs. H. Chan, Wan Tak-shing, Kwok Lee-bun, Wong Chok-woon and C. Chan) are shortly going on tour in Australia. Others contributing to-night are Miss K. C. Wong and Messrs. J. Fong, Lo Kwok-yen, Yung Man-yuk, Wong Yu-chau, Ko Yan-cheung and Chan Pak-kong.

OLIVE BRANCH.

Important Nicaraguan Mission.

PLACE IN THE BALANCE.

Managua, March 1. President Diaz has approved the departure of three prominent Nicaraguans, of whom two are Liberals and one is a neutral, on a mission to induce the commander of the Liberal forces to abandon the campaign on behalf of the Liberal leader Sacasa.

The delegation will point out that if mediation is accepted the United States will undertake to ensure free elections and the prosperity of the country. Two United States marine officers accompany the mission.—Reuter's American Service.

CAREER IN CHINA.

THE DEATH OF A FORMER CONSUL.

LINK WITH EARLIER DAYS.

London, March 1. The death is announced of Mr. Byron Brennan, C.M.G.—Reuter.

Born in France on Dec. 27, 1847, the son of Colonel E. F. Brennan, Byron Brennan was educated privately. He became a student interpreter in China in 1866; 3rd assistant in 1868; acting interpreter at Canton, 1871-72; 2nd class assistant in 1872; acting interpreter at Shanghai, 1873; 1st class assistant; in 1874; acting interpreter at Hankow in 1875; acting assistant Chinese Secretary at Peking in 1875; and again from 1877-78; acting Chinese Secretary, 1878-80; Consul at Wuhu, in 1880; acting Consul at Tientsin, 1882-1883; Chiefof, 1883; Tientsin and Peking, 1885; British representative on the Opium Mixed Commission at Hong Kong, 1886; Consul at Canton in 1893. Mr. Brennan was instructed to visit officially the principal Treaty Ports of China, Japan, and Korea, to report on the subject of British trade in 1895. He was H.B.M. Consul-General at Shanghai from 1898-1901, and retired on pension in 1901.

KING'S PRAISE.

TRIBUTES TO INDUSTRY FAIRS.

KEEN PERSONAL INTEREST.

Rugby, March 1. The King has sent the following letter to the President of the Board of Trade, Sir Philip Cunliffe Lister, through his Private Secretary, Sir Clive Wigram:—

"After visiting the British Industries Fair, the King and Queen desire to convey to the exhibitors their Majesties' hearty congratulations on the splendid display of goods shown in all parts of the fair.

"Their Majesties' are also glad to hear from the Prince of Wales that the exhibits at Birmingham are equally worthy of the high reputation which our manufacturers so justly enjoy for the quality and finish of their products."

"I am to assure you that the King and Queen look forward to seeing these annual exhibitions in which they have for several years taken a keen personal interest, and their Majesties' wish the British Industries Fairs in London and in Birmingham every success."—British Wireless Service.

NEW NOTE.

AMERICA AND MEXICAN LEGISLATION.

UNUSUALLY IMPORTANT.

Mexico City, March 1. A new American Note, described as being unusually important, was delivered to the Mexican Foreign Office, by Mr. Lane, the First Secretary of the American Embassy.

The contents have not been divulged.—Reuter's American Service.

Washington, March 1. It is stated that the Note does not relate to the oil controversy, and it is suggested that it may be concerned with the question of the application of recent Mexican legislation regulating the operations of foreign insurance companies to American companies in Mexico.—Reuter's American Service.

TURKEY AND RUSSIA.

Constantinople, March 1. It is reported from Angora that agreement has been reached in the Turkish and Russian commercial negotiations which have been proceeding for several months.—Reuter.

24-YEAR DISPUTE.

Privy Council's Historic Decision.

FORESTS IN LABRADOR.

London, March 1. The 24-year litigation between Canada and Newfoundland has terminated by the Privy Council giving an historical decision on the boundaries of the two countries whereby Newfoundland is awarded a tract in Labrador twice the size of Newfoundland itself.

The decision mainly related to the interpretation of a proclamation of 1763.

The disputed area, which is thick with uninhabitable forests, was not wanted by either country until the modern demand arose for wood pulp.—Reuter.

FORMAL CLOSING.

JOHN G. KERR HOSPITAL IN CANTON.

IMPOSSIBLE CONDITIONS.

On February 28 all the patients, both public and private, still in the John G. Kerr Hospital for the Insane, were transferred to the Department of Public Health, which has undertaken to care for them. This completed the work of the closing of the Hospital.

The newly-established Municipal Asylum for the insane being already full and failing to find other suitable quarters in the city in which to house the Public Health patients from the J. G. Kerr Hospital, the Commissioner of Public Health requested as a favour the temporary loan of a portion of the hospital to use for this purpose.

The Board of Directors of the institution, recognising this as a practical solution of the problem, complied with the Commissioner's request, and leased for a nominal sum to the Public Health Department for a period of one year a portion of the Hospital. The Commissioner of Public Health and the Board of Directors of the Hospital have worked in full co-operation in making this temporary provision for the patients.

The J. G. Kerr Hospital was the pioneer in China in caring for the insane. In the twenty-nine years of its existence it has cared for more than seven thousand patients by efficient methods and in the spirit of Christian benevolence. It is closed down at this time because of the impossibility of continuing efficient operation under present labour conditions. The question of whether the Hospital will re-open later is problematical.

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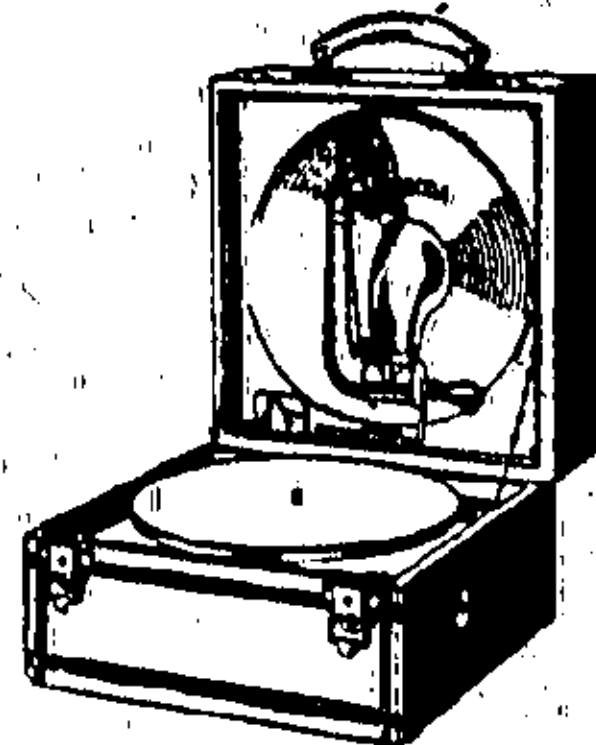
ANOTHER BID TO ENTER PARLIAMENT.

London, Feb. 8.

Mrs. Pankhurst was unanimously adopted as the Conservative candidate for White Chapel, St. George's East, by one of the largest meetings ever held in the division.

Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, who is Hon. Treasurer of the W.S.P.U., is known for her interest in social reform work of many kinds, but principally in regard to her activities as a Suffragette. Educated at private schools in Manchester and Paris she was elected to the School Board and the Board of Guardians, Manchester, and after the abolition of the former body became a co-opted member of the Education Committee. Subsequently she resigned all other work to devote her life to the winning of the franchise for women. Upon the outbreak of the War she took an active part in recruiting work and made many speeches throughout Great Britain.

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Last month's rainfall in Hong Kong was 4.66 inches. The heaviest fall was on the 13th, when 1.98 inches were recorded. There were 16 days when no rain fell at all.

It is really beginning to look as if the old dances are coming back again, "states a message from Paris. A Paris orchestra, after having played innumerable Blues, Charlestons, and Black Bottoms, delighted the dancers by breaking into the strains of the "Blue Danube."

At the opening of the trial in the Federal Assize Court, Geneva, of Ivan de Justh, the Hungarian journalist who in June last smacked the face of Count Bethlen, the Hungarian Prime Minister, in the lobby of the League of Nations building, the Public Prosecutor announced that he would not ask for a sentence to a long term of imprisonment but one of banishment for life.

Lance Sergeant Nolloth, officer in charge of hawkers, has been commended in Police Orders dated February 28 for his work in that department from March, 1924, to February, 1927. Special mention was made of Mr. Nolloth's work in connection with the Street Boys' Club, the inception of his organisation being entirely due to this officer.

Says the military correspondent of a Home paper:—The order for the 1st Battalion Bedf. and Herf. Regiment, at Malta, to stand by for service in China did not come as a surprise to those who know the battalion, which has a very fine reputation for efficiency. It has been commanded by Lieut.-Col. J. P. Trevellick C.B.E. since October, 1925, and went out to Malta a year ago. It is at Colonial strength, about 900 of all ranks.

Who was the originator of the Shingle? (asks a "Daily News" writer) The distinction is often conceded to Antoine, otherwise M. Antoine Cierplikowski, the elegant young sculptor who came from Warsaw some years ago to capture artistic Paris. It was because of his training in sculpture, an art which he still practises, that Antoine decreed women's hair must be cut so as to reveal the shape of his head. It was one of his strongest theories that the chief beauty of many women lay in the head contours; but that most of them were culpably ignorant of their real charm.

For the last 5 years purchases of granite sets by the London County Council have been made solely from British firms.

Ben Marshall's portrait of Canon Ball the famous racehorse winner in the early years of the last century, realised £282 10s. at Messrs. Christie's.



Prince Aimone, son of the Duke of Aosta, who is reported engaged to Princess Irene of Greece. The Prince is a cousin to King Victor Emmanuel of Italy.

Experts at the Natural History Museum, South Kensington, shortly begin the ten-years task of reconstructing for ultimate exhibition at the Museum the 30,000,000-years-old skeleton of the world's largest dinosaur, a 10-ton reptile which laid eggs. The Tornieria, as the dinosaur is called, lived in the waters of river estuaries and fed on floating vegetation. It was a reptile of gargantuan proportions, being 50ft. long 30ft. high, and weighing 10 tons. Three hundred cases of fossilised bones of about 25 dinosaurs have arrived at the museum from East Africa, and experts are now unpacking and sorting the ones in the basement. There are some remains of the Tornieria among the specimens, but the largest are of the Tornieria. Further consignments of bones have yet to arrive.

A Musicales will be held at the Helena May Institute on Thursday, 10th March, at 5.30 p.m. Tickets including Tea 50 cts. each, must be booked at the Secretary's Office before noon on the 9th inst.—Adv.

Since the war between America and Spain in 1900, by which Spain lost the Philippine Islands, and the Spanish Navy was destroyed by Admiral Dewey at the Battle of Cavite, writes a correspondent of the "Strait Times," there has not been a Spanish man-of-war in these waters, and the expected arrival of the cruiser "Don Blas de Lezo" will be the first instance of a Spanish ship of war coming to Singapore in the space of nearly 30 years.

* THEOSOPHY *

"Eastern and Western Ideals of Life" will be the subject of this week's Public Lecture of the Hong Kong Lodge, the Theosophical Society, 7, Duddell Street, on Thursday, March 3, at 6 p.m. The public are cordially invited to attend. Theosophical Literature for sale. Good Library. Inquiries Monday, Friday, Saturday from 6 to 8 p.m.; other days and Sunday from 7 to 8 p.m.

As the result of her skirt catching in the metal-work of an escalator at Tottenham Court Road, Tube Station, a visitor to London was "held up." Mrs. James, who belongs to the North of England, was about to step off the stairs when she appears to have stooped, and her skirt becoming entangled in the metal strips, she was held fast. The machinery was promptly stopped, and in order to release Mrs. James it was found necessary to cut away a small portion of her skirt. She then went on her way, stating that she was unhurt.

Grave disquiet had been caused to the whole of the Civil Service by the recent compulsory retirement of high officials from the Board of Education, the Association of First Division urged in a memorial to the Prime Minister, in which they contended that no "glittering prizes" were offered for service under the Crown and that security of tenure was its main attraction. No hope of amending legislation which the association sought was held out by Mr. Churchill, who, in replying, said that the Government would make as sparing use as possible of their legal power to retire Civil Servants compulsorily.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

News has been received in London of the sudden death from heart failure of Mr. Anson W. Burchard, chairman of the International General Electric Company, of New York, and a director of the British Thomson Houston Company, electrical engineers, Aldwych, W.C.

Officers in the Irish Guards will receive with mingled feelings the news that after all they are not the first regiment in the brigade to go abroad again, says a London paper. Perhaps the wish was fatter to the thought. They have a specially large number of junior officers who have never seen active service. As for the 2nd Battalion of the Coldstream Guards, their officers include Captain Lord Bingham, D.S.O., Major Lord Marshall, Lord Stratheden, Sir Walter Bartlett, and Sir Terence Falciner. The primary cause for their departure is to take over the Devonshires' spell of duty at Malta, this battalion being sent on direct to China.

Deaths announced in mail week include: Lady Davidson, widow of Sir James Mackenzie Davidson, an X-rays specialist, and mother of Mr. J. C. Davidson, chairman of the Conservative Party organisation in London, aged 73. Lady Powell, widow of Sir Francis Sharp Powell, M.P., at 1, Cambridge-square, Hyde Park, aged 94. Dr. Thomas Clay Shaw, a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians, a former medical director of the London County Asylum at Bantstead, Surrey, at Claremont Lodge, Cheltenham, aged 86. Alderman Broughton Dugdale, chairman of the Warwickshire Education Committee and a former High Sheriff, at Wroxall Abbey, Warwickshire, aged 72.

The first I heard of the imminent departure from this country of the 2nd Battalion of the Coldstream Guards was the cheerful farewell given to their friends by young officers leaving a certain dance club, "The Daily Mail" gossip writer. They added that it was likely that they might be away for as long as two years. Naturally they hoped that Malta, their ostensible objective, would be merely a stage of the journey to China. Hitherto Turkey has been the furthest point reached for many years by a regiment of Guards. Following on the Chanak crisis, members of the former Army of Occupation will remember that Irish Guards were stationed at Constantinople.

The death is announced of Sir Frederick Wilfrid Stokes, the inventor of the famous Stokes' gun, shell, etc., and for some time President of the British Engineers' Association, and of the Ipswich and District Engineers Employers' Association.



Lord Lonsdale, who was the guest of honor at the recent international chess tournament at Berlin.

Among the large congregation present at the funeral of Viscount and Viscountess Beaufort, at the St. James' Cemetery, Willesden, on January 29, were Sir Henry Deterding, Mr. Andrew Agnew and numerous representatives of the Asiatic Petroleum Co., the Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Co., M. Samuel and Co., and the Shell Transport and Trading Co. In his address, the Rev. M. Adler described Viscount Beaufort as a great Jew and a great Englishman, and said that he was a great philanthropist. He mentioned that he was forty-six years and a day when he married, and that he and his wife had lived happily and pleasantly in their lives, and in their deaths they were not divided.

In the revival of "The Silver King" at the Regent Theatre, King's Cross, the part of Jaiques was taken by Mr. John Burton, who it is claimed, is the oldest working actor. He is about 80 years of age. Mr. Burton was the late Sir Squire Bancroft's first call-boy, and he acted with Mr. Osmond Tearle and Dame Madge Kendal, among others.

A pretty and interesting wedding was solemnised at the Chased El Synagogue, Singapore, when Miss Vera Emanuel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Emanuel, was married to Mr. Isidore Storch, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. Storch. Both families are well-known in Singapore and as a result a great deal of interest was occasioned outside the Jewish community.

In the intervals of a busy life as the author of a number of important medical works and a member of the National Institute of Research, Professor Leonard Hill has found time to execute 100 paintings in oils and water-colours. These are exhibited at the Alpine Club Gallery, Saville-row. Professor Hill lives on the border of Epping Forest, Essex, and has found some of his subjects in the forest and others by the sea at Lowestoft, where he has a cottage. Visits to the Alps have also yielded a number of water-colours. Seventeen years ago he had an exhibition in London, and another was held in Tokyo before the war.

Among Lord Lonsdale's guests at Lowther, Castle, Westmorland, where he celebrated his 70th birthday, were Princess Mary and Viscountess Lascelles. Lord Lonsdale is one of Britain's most distinguished and popular sportsmen. A steward of the Jockey Club, he has raced horses for many years, but his first important success did not come until 1922, when Royal Lancer won the St. Leger. The horse to carry his colours since most prominently in the 7th Leg of the 1926 and last year won four races, including the City and Suburban Handicap, at Epsom, and the Chesterfield Cup at Goodwood. He is as well known in the world of boxing as on the turf. Lord Lonsdale gave a dinner on February 7 to all the men employed in erecting the new Epsom grand stand. He is to become the first president of the British Sportsman's Club, whose object is to entertain over-seas sportsmen visiting Britain.

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SPORTS SECTION

TO-DAY'S RACES.

(Continued from page 1.)

Messrs. Hall & Shenton's The Ghost (late Cultra) (Mr. Ralph) 3
Mrs. R. J. Paterson's Humdinger, 153 lbs. (Mr. Whiffles) 0
A head; many lengths.
Time: 1.54.3/5.
Pari-mutuel: Winner \$7.70.
Places: 1st \$5.30; 2nd \$5.50.

6.—The Phaethon Stakes.—"A" Class Handicap, Winner \$300, second \$200, third \$100, for China ponies that have run at any time during 1926 and 1927 on date of entry. Non-starters at this meeting barred. Entrance \$10. One mile and a quarter.

Mr. Dynast's King of Clubs, 155 lbs. (Mr. Haimovitch) 1
Mr. K. H. Laceda M. (late Chin Shan), 151 lbs. (Mr. Wong) 2
Mrs. Priestley's Dolly, 150 lbs. (Mr. Sokoloff) 3
Messrs. Hall & Shenton's The Ghost (late Bangor), 151 lbs. (Mr. Gordon) 4
Mr. R. M. Austin's Grey Knight, 155 lbs. (Mr. Reidy) 0
Many lengths; two lengths.
Time: 2.43.1/5.
Pari-mutuel: Winner \$6.40.
Places: 1st \$6.20; 2nd \$20.20.

7.—The Phaethon Stakes.—"B" Class Handicap (see race No. 6).
Messrs. Tester & Abraham's Demon Boy, 161 lbs. (Mr. Encarnacio) 1
Messrs. Dyer & Beith's Total Abstinence, 163 lbs. (Mr. Reidy) 2
Mrs. R. J. Paterson's Dobbin, 163 lbs. (Mr. Brodie) 3
Mrs. Bernard's Barley Grass, 167 lbs. (Mr. da Rosa) 4
Mr. P. H. White's Semaphore (late Golden Pheasant), 152 lbs. (Mr. Wong) 0
Mr. Topside's Mountain Fox, 150 lbs. (Mr. Bulteel) 0
Mr. A. Reidy's Mowgli, 160 lbs. (Mr. Stanton) 0
Half a length; two lengths.
Time: 2.45.2/5.
Pari-mutuel: Winner \$4.00.
Places: 1st \$6.70; 2nd \$8.10; 3rd \$7.90.

8.—The Champion Stakes.—A sweepstakes of \$50 each for starters with \$2,000 added for winner, second \$750, third \$400, for China ponies, winners at this meeting only. W.I. Ponies to be ridden by jockeys who have won at least 5 official races in Hong Kong or China, or jockeys approved by the Stewards. One mile and a quarter.

Mr. Dynast's King of Hearts, 158 lbs. (Mr. Haimovitch) 1
Mr. L. Dunbar's Elliot Bay, 158 lbs. (Mr. Encarnacio) 2
Mr. L. Dunbar's Chesapeake Bay, 158 lbs. (Mr. Dallas) 3
Messrs. Toeg & Priestley's Canadian, 155 lbs. (Mr. Sokoloff) 4
Mr. Eve's Bengal, 153 lbs. (Mr. Pote-Hunt) 0
Mr. L. Dunbar's San Francisco Bay, 158 lbs. (Mr. Wong) 0
Mr. R. M. Austin's Brigade Call, 158 lbs. (Mr. Ralph) 0
Half a length; two lengths.
Time: 2.34.2/5.
Pari-mutuel: Winner \$38.40.
Places: 1st \$14.60; 2nd \$8.90; 3rd \$7.40.

Description of the Race.
As exciting as the result was the manner in which the race was won.

Carrying the public's money, Bengal sprang out from the start, valiantly chased by San Francisco Bay, King of Hearts, followed at a steady pace with Elliot Bay, Chesapeake Bay, Canadian and Brigade Call, all close together and in the order named.

After three furlongs Bengal was still running smartly and led San Francisco Bay by three lengths with the other five opening out, but King of Hearts and the two other Bays still well placed.

Rounding the football stand, Bengal was still going strongly. San Francisco Bay had to be whipped to keep his position.

Towards the foot of the incline, Elliot Bay moved up slightly, and King of Hearts immediately displaced San Francisco Bay for second place. By the time that the Rock had been reached, the pack was closing on Bengal.

King of Hearts had caught Bengal at the quarter mile post and easily swept into the lead.

Into the straight, he led by two lengths, but victory was not yet by any means assured. First, Chesapeake Bay came up with a rush on the inside but was not good enough.

Meanwhile, Bengal had dropped into the rear. San Francisco Bay was out of the race, Brigade Call was running strongly but the

pace was too fast for him, and Canadian had just a chance of a place.

Elliot Bay made a challenge at the two mile post. At the distance post he had caught and passed King of Hearts with whom the issue lay.

These two had a terrific struggle over the last 100 yards. Coming with a second effort, King of Hearts got his nose in front again and stayed on to win by half a length from Elliot Bay who had given of his best. Chesapeake Bay was not in at the Will and took third place by two lengths behind Elliot Bay.

Canadian was fourth, Bengal a poor fifth, Brigade Call sixth, and San Francisco Bay last.

The support of the public for the various ponies is best gauged in the following table of tickets on the "Tote":—

Pony Win Place
Bengal 1855 1435
Chesapeake Bay 740 1076
Elliot Bay 426 667
King of Hearts 225 274
San Francisco Bay 72 203
Canadian 72 183
Brigade Call 35 174

9.—The Consolation Stakes.—Winner \$600, second \$200, third \$100, for China ponies that have started at least twice at this meeting and have not won. W.I. (J.A.) Entrance \$5. One mile.

Messrs. Tester & Abraham's Attaboy, 158 lbs. (Mr. Encarnacio) 1
Mr. Dynast's King of the Plains, 155 lbs. (Mr. Haimovitch) 2
Mrs. R. J. Paterson's Ukelele, 155 lbs. (Mr. Brodie) 3
Messrs. Hall & Shenton's The Goblin, 158 lbs. (Mr. Ralph) 4
Mrs. R. M. Austin's Grey Streak, 147 lbs. (Mr. Gordon) 0
Messrs. Dunbar & Stanton's San Diego, 153 lbs. (Mr. Stanton) 0
Messrs. Dyer & Beith's Rechabite, 151 lbs. (Mr. Bulteel) 0
Messrs. Dyer & Beith's Grey Norm, 158 lbs. (Mr. Reidy) 0
Mr. Dynast's Bright-Eve, 155 lbs. (Mr. Pote-Hunt) 0
Messrs. Toeg & Priestley's Espoir, 155 lbs. (Mr. Sokoloff) 0
Two and a half lengths; one length.
Time: 2.07.1/5.
Pari-mutuel: Winner \$7.60.
Places: 1st \$5.80; 2nd \$9.80; 3rd \$8.80.

10.—The Nil Deperandum Stakes.—Winner \$600, second \$200, third \$100, for subscription griffins of this meeting that have started at least twice and have not won. W.I. (J.A.) Entrance \$5. Five furlongs.

Messrs. Hall & Shenton's The Grig, 152 lbs. (Mr. Ralph) 1
Mr. Dynast's King Alan, 155 lbs. (Mr. Haimovitch) 2
Messrs. Henry Humphreys's White Mouse, 152 lbs. (Mr. Wong) 3
Mr. R. M. Austin's Fire Call, 150 lbs. (Mr. Gordon) 0
Messrs. Comyn & Bell's Borderer, 155 lbs. (Mr. Encarnacio) 0
Mrs. Dyer's Yorks, 155 lbs. (Mr. Bulteel) 0
Messrs. Dyer & Beith's Loch Tummell, 152 lbs. (Mr. Reidy) 0
Mr. Eve's Festive Eve, 155 lbs. (Mr. Pote-Hunt) 0
Mr. Henry Humphreys's Titmouse, 152 lbs. (Mr. Greenway) 0
Mr. Lighthouse's Sugar Loaf, 150 lbs. (Mr. Wallace) 0
Mrs. R. J. Paterson's Scooter, 152 lbs. (Mr. Brodie) 0
Mr. L. Reidy's Foxglove, 155 lbs. (Mr. Macgown) 0
Mr. Sewell's Circe, 150 lbs. (Mr. Sewell) 0
Mr. W. T. Stanton's Kwong Chow, 150 lbs. (Mr. Stanton) 0
Messrs. Tester & Abraham's Bing Boy, 155 lbs. (Mr. Sokoloff) 0
Half a length, two lengths.
Time: 1.18.3/5.
Pari-mutuel: Winner \$9.40.
Places: 1st \$17.60; 2nd \$3.90; 3rd \$69.20.

COSTLY SUIT.

DOHENY LOSES OVER 21 MILLIONS

Washington, March 1.

It is estimated that Mr. Doheny, as the result of the Supreme Court verdict, will lose \$21,687,000 nearly \$10,000,000 which is represented in cash held by the receivers who operated the Elk Hills property during the litigation.—Reuter's American Service.

RACING FORM.

ANALYSIS OF TWO DAYS' EVENTS.

STABLES & JOCKEYS.

Below is given a table of the first two days' racing results:—

Winning Owners.

	1st	2nd	3rd
Mr. L. Dunbar	5	0	1
Messrs. Hall and Shenton	3	4	2
Mr. Eve	3	0	2
Mr. Dynast	2	3	2
Messrs. Toeg and Priestley	1	2	3
Mrs. R. J. Paterson	1	3	0
Mr. R. M. Austin	1	2	1
Mr. Ho Kom-tong	1	1	0
Messrs. Dyer and Beith	1	0	2
Mrs. Bernard	1	0	1
Dr. J. C. Macgown	1	0	0
Mr. Roda	0	4	0
Messrs. Tester and Abraham	0	2	2
Mrs. Priestley	0	0	1
Mr. H. Seth	0	0	1
Messrs. Dunbar and Stanton	0	0	1

Winning Jockeys.

	1st	2nd	3rd
Mr. A. N. Dallas	5	1	2
Mr. Pote-Hunt	4	1	2
Mr. Ralph	3	3	2
Mr. Encarnacio	2	3	1
Mr. Haimovitch	1	7	2
Mr. Brodie	1	3	1
Mr. Sokoloff	1	2	5
Mr. Reidy	1	0	1
Mr. da Rosa	1	0	1
Mr. Wallace	1	0	0
Mr. Gordon	0	1	0
Mr. Stanton	0	1	0
Mr. Bulteel	0	0	1

SOCCER TIES.

SHIELD SEMI-FINAL ROUNDS.

"SUNDAY HERALD" CUP.

The draw has been made for semi-final ties of the Hong Kong F.A. Shield to be played on March 12, as follows:—

Senior (Kick-off 4.30 p.m.)
2nd/Scottish Borderers v. Police R.C. H.K.F.C. ground.

Kowloon F.C. (holders) v. Royal Artillery, Sookumpoo "A" ground.

Junior (Kick-off 2.30 p.m.)
Chinese Athletic "A" or St. Joseph's College "B" v. 2nd/Scottish Borderers' Reserves, H.K.F.C. ground.

Kowloon F.C. Reserves v. Hong Kong F.C. Reserves, Sookumpoo "A" ground.

International Cup.
The final in the "Sunday Herald" International (Charity) Cup will be played between Scotland and China on the H.K.F.C. ground, March 19, 19, kick-off 4 p.m.

HOME SOCCER.

MATCH IN THE SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

London, March 1.
The following match was played to-day in division I of the Scottish Football League (home team given first):—

Queen's Park 1, Rangers 2.
—Reuter.

SQUASH RACQUETS TOUR.

Buffalo, Feb. 4.
The British squash racquets team defeated Buffalo Club by five matches to one.

CRICKET.

VOLUNTEERS DEFEATED YESTERDAY.

On the Club de Recreio ground at Kowloon yesterday, the Volunteers cricket team lost to Mr. A. A. Rumjahn's XI by 83 runs.

Scores:—

	1st	2nd	3rd
Mr. A. A. Rumjahn's XI	13	17	17
E. A. Lee, c & b Wales	13	17	17
S. V. Gittins, c Standage, b Sumners	17	17	17
Capt. F. G. Bevis, c Jex, b Wales	17	17	17
J. E. Hancock, c Burgess, b Sumners	17	17	17
A. A. Rumjahn, lb.w. b Vallack	51	17	17
Capt. P. Perfect, b Vallack	24	17	17
F. Goodwin, b Sumners	14	17	17
F. Zimmern, run out	4	17	17
W. Hong Shing, b Vallack	15	17	17
D. Alves, c Mitchell, b Wales	1	17	17
A. P. Gutierrez, not out	7	17	17
Extras	7	17	17

Total 187

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Vallack	12.5	1	47	3
Lyal	11	1	34	0
Wales	11	1	34	0
Sumners	8	0	35	3

Volunteers.

	1st	2nd	3rd
A. W. Ramsay, c Shing, b Goodwin	41	17	17
J. C. Lyal, c Shing, b Rumjahn	5	17	17
H. E. Standage, b Goodwin	8	17	17
F. E. Lawrence, run out	2	17	17
E. J. R. Mitchell, c Rumjahn, b Perfect	6	17	17
H. C. Burgess, b Lee	3	17	17
F. T. Orr, b Goodwin	5	17	17
S. Jex, run out	4	17	17
G. R. Vallack, not out	5	17	17
J. A. Sumners, c Goodwin, b Lee	1	17	17
C. D. Wales, b Lee	1	17	17
Extras	3	17	17

Total 84

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Goodwin	16	1	27	3
Gittins	3	1	10	0
Rumjahn	3	0	10	1
Perfect	7	1	29	1
Bevis	2	0	6	0
Hancock	3	0	5	0
Lee	3	0	3	3

KING'S PARK MATCH.

At King's Park yesterday, Kowloon British School Former Pupils' Association beat Central British School by 57 runs. Scores:—

K.B.S.F.P.A.

	1st	2nd	3rd
E. O. Murphy, b Kelly	12	17	17
G. Hedley, b Kelly	13	17	17
W. Matchin, b Kelly	11	17	17
F. S. Nicholls, b Kelly	2	17	17
W. Lawson, c Carr, b MacNider	12	17	17
D. Murphy, b Kelly	12	17	17
F. T. Evans, b Kelly	43	17	17
C. Lee, b MacNider	15	17	17
D. Harvey, b Kelly	0	17	17
E. W. Railton, not out	0	17	17
Extras	7	17	17

Total 107

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
D. Kelly	14	2	57	7
G. Carr	4	0	20	0
S. MacNider	3	1	23	2

Central British School.

	1st	2nd	3rd
D. Kelly, run out	16	17	17
S. MacNider, c E. Murphy, b Hedley	0	17	17
G. Carr, b Nicholls	15	17	17
B. J. Vickers, c & b Lee	0	17	17
L. Lyon, run out	0	17	17
A. Ureell, run out	7	17	17
E. Hayes, c J. Murphy, b Hedley	2	17	17
G. MacClynn, b Hedley	2	17	17
W. Hirst, b Hedley	2	17	17
M. Bach, not out	1	17	17
J. Schilling, c Lee, b Hedley	3	17	17
Extras	3	17	17

Total 50

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Matchin	6	1	23	0
Hedley	12	7	15	6
Lee	2	2	0	1
Nicholls	2	0	2	1
Evans	2	0	3	0
J. Murphy	2	0	4	0

HOME RACING.

FAMOUS STEEPCHASER DROPS DEAD.

OLD TAY BRIDGE'S CAREER.

London, Feb. 1.

The famous steepchaser, Old Tay Bridge, dropped dead while exercising at Weyhill yesterday.

London, Feb. 1.

Old Tay Bridge had been allotted top weight, 12st. 7lbs., in this year's Grand National.

He finished second in 1926 and also in 1925, while in 1924 he fell when leading three fences from home.

Aged 13 years, the horse was owned by Mrs. W. Dixon, and was trained by Mr. Frank Hartigan at Weyhill.

ANOTHER CHASER.

London, Feb. 4.

Mr. Gordon, Selfridge has bought the steepchaser, Misconduct, from Major Methven.

The engagements made for Misconduct have been transferred to the new owner. They include the Grand National.

LAWN TENNIS.

GERMANY RE-ADMITTED TO FEDERATION.

The German Lawn Tennis Association has been readmitted to membership of the International Lawn Tennis Federation, to date from January 1, 1927.

This is the result of a correspondence vote by the Federated National Associations.

The foregoing is an official communication by the Lawn Tennis Association, and it means that German players will be permitted to participate in championships and tournaments held by federated nations. Thus it is likely that there will be German competitors at Wimbledon this year.

It will be recalled that in the pre-war years Germans played a prominent part in the Wimbledon championships, such players as F. W. Rahe and Otto Froitzheim being among the finest players of those days.

M.C.C. VICTORY.

DEADLY BOWLING AGAINST LIMA.

Lima, Feb. 7.

The match between the M.C.C. and Lima was begun to-day. The close of play scores are as follows:—

Lima (1st innings) 28 runs (2nd) 56. M.C.C. (1st) 173 runs.

M.C.C. won by an innings and 89 runs.

In Lima's first innings G. O. Allen took six wickets for seven runs and H. P. Miles four for 20.

In the second innings Allen took six wickets for 15 runs.

In the M.C.C. innings, Brown took five wickets for 50 runs.

TENNIS TOUR.

BRITISH LADIES IN SOUTH AFRICA.

Port Elizabeth, Feb. 5.

Against a Cape Province team, the English lady lawn tennis players won the first five matches.

Mrs. Watson and Miss Dix beat Mrs. Norton and Miss Richards, 6-1, 6-1.

Mrs. Molluham and Miss Harvey beat Miss Fraser and Miss De Smidt, 6-3, 6-3.

Miss Fry and Miss Saunders beat Mrs. MacJannett and Miss Tapscot, 7-9, 7-5, 6-1.

Miss Fry beat Mrs. MacJannett, 4-6, 6-3, 6-1.

Mrs. Watson beat Miss Tapscot, 8-6, 7-5.

POLO IN THREE MONTHS.

San Antonio (Tex.), Jan. 16.

The organization of a polo school at which the beginner will be taught enough of the game in three months to enable him to play was announced to-day, by William Meadows, the veteran breeder and trainer of polo ponies.

Preliminary training is to be given indoors. The students will sit astride wooden horses and polo balls will be bowled at them from all angles by instructors. As soon as the student becomes proficient with the mallet he will be coached on real horses until he can qualify for actual competition.—Associated Press.

There were notified yesterday four cases of small-pox—two Indian (imported) and two Chinese.

YOUNG RECLUSE.

12-YEAR OLD BOY'S LIFE IN BUSH.

MARKED RESOURCEFULNESS.

Brisbane, Jan. 20.

A message from Rockhampton states that marked resourcefulness was shown by a 12-years-old boy, James Kenneth Greg, who took to living in the scrub near Jambo, and whom a search party of 18 residents yesterday ran down by means of his dog, and took to Mt. Morgan.

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FASHIONS AND FANCIES

New Ideas in the Daytime Mode.



The afternoon mode permits a wide choice in both its semi-formal and strictly tailleur aspects. Coats and ensembles are created to appeal strongly to the individual and at no time follow a straight and narrow path of what is "worn."

There is no set rule for what is seen in the afternoon coat, but generally afternoon coats are wrapped, with a straight silhouette or fullness above snug hips. The straight silhouette is much in evidence in youthful models. The materials that go towards making the coats smart are not too heavy in weight and are soft and pliable. Velvets, broadcloth, velours de laine, velours lada, satin and moire are seen in equal proportions.

The bloused bodies and dolman cut are particularly favoured in the afternoon coat of formal inclinations. Some coats fall loose from the shoulders and are wrapped to slim knees. Darts from the necks to the shoulders are much used to create a fullness.

Furs are used in some way to trim the winter coats. They are used in all sorts of interesting ways, through a collar, collar and cuffs, as edging, bands at the bottom or vertically placed, side patches, pockets, belts and other unusual applications.

All varieties of furs are seen in both short and long-haired pelts and in all natural and dyed tones, and are skillfully worked. Furs may be seen in only the simplest sort of trimming in very narrow strips, or may compose half of the entire coat. It is a matter of individual appeal. Some of the furs popularly used are Persian lamb, caracul, squirrel, mink, kolinsky, mole, gazelle, antelope, pony, seal, nutria.

NEW LAMP-SHADES FROM OLD.

A silk lamp-shade that has become soiled or torn may be recovered easily by anyone who is able to sew neatly. First of all, the old cover must be removed, so that only the wire framework is left. Each wire must then be bound firmly with muslin of a similar shade to the silk which is to be used for the cover.

The silk may now be fastened on one section at a time. It must be stretched tightly across the section whipped round the wire at each side, and stitched to the muslin. Care must be taken that the silk is not cut on the cross. It must be straight from the centre of the top wire to the centre of the bottom wire. When all the sections have been covered narrow braiding, in either a matching or a contrasting colour, should be stitched down each seam to hide the join.

As a finishing touch a few coloured beads, either wood or glass, may be suspended from each corner.

beaver, krimmer fox and breitsch-won.

Tailleurs, too, possess variety. The coat varies, particularly in length, and is seen in short, three-quarters and full lengths. It is either straight or hangs loose from the shoulders, and they are frequently belted. They are either straight with a semblance of a flare or are slightly fitted.

The tailored coat is equally smart in single breasted outline or

SHOULDER POSIES.

That charming fashion detail, the shoulder posy, instead of growing "demode," is now increasing its dimensions (writes Mrs. Herbert Richardson in the "Daily Chronicle"). The very newest French dance frocks have huge chiffon roses high up on the shoulder and full enough for their petals actually to brush the wearer's cheek. The smaller knot of flowers may be V-shaped "decolletage" of an evening gown. But gigantic shoulder posies are smartest wear.

It is amusing to find fashion history once again so repeating itself. For the huge posy brushing the wearer's face was a favourite style of the seventeen-eighties, and as charming with full-powdered curls as it is to-day with the sleek shingle and Eton-crop.

Fashionable women of the period with which the delightfully revived old English opera, "Lionel and Clarissa," and the more recent "Berkeley Square" of Mr. Balderston and Mr. Squire have familiarised us, wore huge posies of real or artificial flowers, set to one side of their "bouffant" corages of puffer gauze, which, again, were so different from the slim lines of modern gowns. The high flower petals touched the wearer's cheek, or even tickled her pearl-ear and chin, which gave the prettiest lines to face and neck. Tiny vases of silver or glass, specially shaped to fit inside the stays, held water for real roses and lilies; and the artificial flowers were duly scented, just as our daintiest posies are to-day.

French taste carried the fashion a step further, adding huge knots of artificial flowers to the towering eighteenth-century head-dress. And

may be seen in a double breasted model. Sleeves are either straight or fitted and frequently possess a band of fur at the cuffs or are trimmed with a band of leather.

Belts that add a swagger touch to the sports coat are seen in material to match the coat, leather of harness inspiration, or are of a flat-fur such as antelope or pony. Belts, however varied their appeal, are undoubtedly present in sports models.

Novelty woollens in interesting colours and unusual patterns are seen in the tailored mode. Basket, toile, herringbone, plain tweeds and knitted weaves are seen along with velveteens, kashas crepe-laines and soft surfaced woollens. Furs that add a dash of note to these outfits this season lean towards a flat surfaced fur. Pony, gazelle, giraffe, stencilled kids, goat, krimmer, leopard and leopard cat, beaver and nutria, with a sprinkling of long haired furs such as civet cat, skunk and raccoon.

While tiers, fullnesses and flares are seen in the formal afternoon mode along with the dolman or straight silhouette, the sports or tailored mode permits no parting from its straight lines—except with a faint flare. Capes are sometimes seen in both formal and informal modes, but they are among the exceptions to the rule.

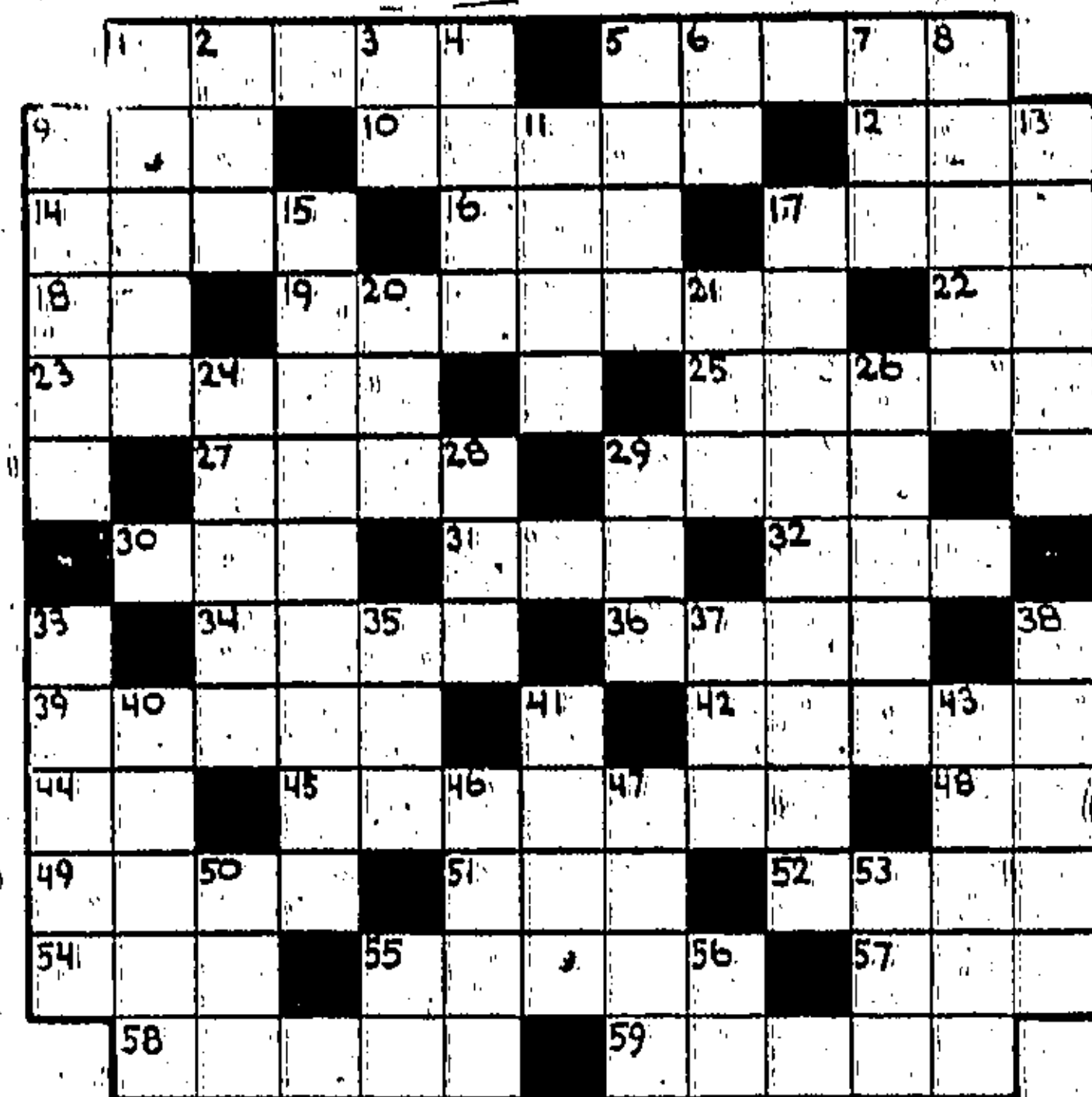
Colleen Moore, whose petite style is so suited to the smart coats of the winter season, has a wide selection of coats for all occasions. She is particularly charming in a coat of French inspiration which features tiers and a collar of Empress Josephine period. Miss Moore is seen wearing several models of unusual interest in her latest film for First National, "Orchids and Ermine."

at a fête given by Marie Antoinette at the Petit Trianon in 1782, Madame Oberkirch created a sensation by wearing in her hair great posies of real flowers, set in flat bottles which were curved to the shape of her head and hidden among her powdered curls—"spring amidst the snow," as a poetical courtier prettily remarked.

But even the caricatures did not quite destroy the grace of the eighteenth century posy—the charm which the wearing of a flower always lends to a pretty woman. One hopes the revived fashion of to-day may long endure, giving one more touch of feminine softness to modern dress. And if the brushing of those high chiffon petals, makes for a more erect and dainty poise of cheek and chin, the modern girl will have recaptured yet another charm of which the fashionable droop of yesterday was sadly and inevitably robbing her.

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



BY THE INTERNATIONAL SYNDICATE.

HORIZONTAL

- 1-Search
- 3-To take pleasure in
- 3-Nevertheless
- 10-A marine mammal
- 12-Damp
- 14-Provaricated
- 18-Sphere
- 17-To scratch, as with claws
- 18-On
- 19-To train
- 22-Point of compass (abbr.)
- 23-Bithesoma
- 25-To raise the spirits of
- 27-Garden tool (pl.)
- 29-Chums
- 30-An Irish dance
- 31-One poem
- 32-Custom
- 34-Part of the hand
- 36-Wan
- 38-Encourages
- 42-The sum
- 44-Toward

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 16-Realm
- 40-Process
- 40-Terminals
- 41-Unit
- 42-Auditory organs
- 44-Scheduled, as a train
- 45-An elementary substance
- 47-Tiny
- 48-Perseparation
- 50-Famous U. S. battleship

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 11-Upward curve
- 13-A kind of oigh
- 18-Deparage
- 17-An amorphous white compound
- 20-Coloring
- 21-A beverage
- 24-German river
- 25-Property
- 28-The sun
- 29-Energy (slang)
- 33-Paired
- 35-Doctrine
- 37-Deavored
- 38-Shut
- 40-Extra compensation
- 41-Liquid measure
- 43-Assent
- 46-One who writes verse
- 47-480 sheets of paper
- 50-Moisture
- 53-Board of wheat
- 56-Mother
- 58-Musical note

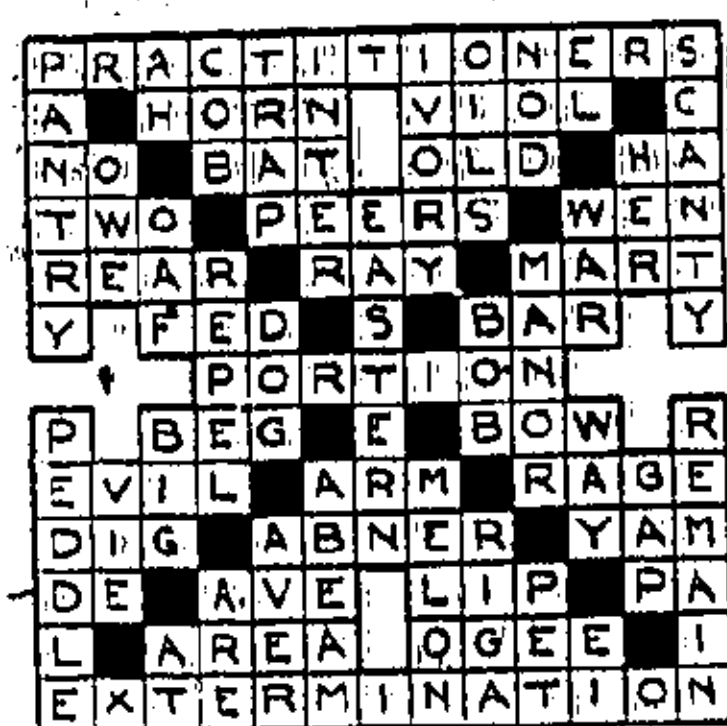
SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES
Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn to still others. A letter belongs in each white space, words starting at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

LONG SKIRTS AND SLEEVES.

Madrid.—Beginning on the last Sunday in Lent, the Queen of Spain's ladies will henceforward wear, when attending religious ceremonies at the palace, a new "uniform," consisting of a dress with high-neck and long sleeves reaching to the wrist. The dress, the skirt of which is quite long, is made of gold tissue embroidered with a "lion" design. With this costume will be worn the Spanish mantilla, white or black, according to the occasion.

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**THE WAY THE WORLD WAGS.**

On Jan. 10 there were 1,432,000 persons on the registers of the unemployment exchanges in Great Britain. This was nearly 64,000 fewer than a week previously, but 210,579 more than a year ago.

The Probate Division was occupied with an action relating to the testamentary dispositions of the late Mr. Joseph Brown Martin, a bachelor who died at Brighton, in January of last year, at the age of 86, leaving property valued at about half a million.

There is a deficiency in the national finances at present of £146,430,046 against a deficiency at the end of December, 1925, of £124,000. The shortage in revenue during the nine months of the present financial year is entirely attributable to income and super taxes, which together have yielded nearly £29,000,000 less than in the same period last year.

Speaking on the spread of Communism at home and abroad, Sir Kingsley Wood, M.P., said that if the revolutionary left wing could have its way the big bid made by Communism through the General Strike would be repeated. Mr. A. J. Cook was still permitted to remain the principal officer of the largest trade union in the country, though he had just returned from Russia with the open and avowed intention of working harder for Communism than ever.

University College, London, celebrates its centenary this year. In connection with the celebration an appeal is made for a sum of £500,000. Sir Gregory Foster, the Provost, stated in an interview that half the centenary fund would be used to improve the buildings and equipment, and half to augment the college endowments. The college is at present spending a little more than £180,000 a year, and its income is derived in about equal portion from fees, endowments, and the University Grants Committee.

At an inquest at Poplar a verdict of wilful murder was returned against William White in respect to the death of his brother Peter Alexander, aged 64, and his sister Annabella, aged 62, who were found dead at their home in Poplar. A message, stated to be in the handwriting of William White, found in the house, read: "Please deal tenderly with these two dear souls, as they are devoted to each other. Peter was dead, and Annabella saw it and was going mad, so I took her downstairs to end her beautiful but cursed life."

Sir John Cadman told members of the Royal Colonial Institute that if the world were suddenly deprived of petroleum civilisation, as it stood to-day, would for a time almost come to a stop. Without petroleum another coal strike would not only shake the structure of our industrial existence, but might shatter it beyond repair. He had always regarded the so-called antagonism between coal and oil as a profound illusion, and he welcomed the dawn of a new era, in which comparable oil products might well be obtained from coal as from natural oil.

It is understood that in their forthcoming report the Committee which has been considering the working of the unemployment insurance scheme will favour an all-round reduction in the amount of contributions from the State, the employer, and the employee, with equal contributions from all three sources. On the main principles all the members are in agreement, their desire being that the scheme should be one of real insurance, the fund having run into debt to the State to the amount of about £20,000,000. Recommendations have been drawn up to secure drastic reductions in expenditure.

Important proposals for extending the scope of elementary education are contained in a report made to the Minister of Education by the Consultative Committee, of which Sir H. Hadow is chairman. Among the recommendations is one that secondary education should be available for all children, and it is suggested that after the primary stage, up to the age of 11, children should proceed to grammar and modern schools. The committee consider that the school-leaving age, now 14, should be advanced to 15, but the Minister of Education, in a memorandum accompanying the report, states that at present such a change is not possible.

The Earl of Lonsborough's Rathluc won the Burton Steeplechase over three miles at Derby.

Under the Vexatious Actions Act an order was made in the Divisional Court restraining Mrs. Emily Dalton, of Hale-end Road, Walthamstow, from instituting any legal proceedings without the leave of the Court. The Attorney-General stated that in three years Mrs. Dalton had brought actions against over forty different persons, including two K.C.'s, two magistrates, and nine or ten solicitors.

At a meeting of creditors and shareholders of the Russo-Asiatic Bank the liabilities were stated to be £2,604,427, and apart from amounts which might become available in certain circumstances, the assets were £69,000. Mr. H. B. Burgess, the Senior Official Receiver, said that the cause of the failure appeared to be primarily the nationalisation (and liquidation) in Russia of all joint stock banks, and the confiscation of their assets.

By agreement, the London Safety First Council decided to give further consideration to the question whether motorists, on meeting other traffic on dark roads should switch off their headlights. It had been recommended by a committee that lights should be switched off, but Lieut.-Colonel J. A. Pickard contended that that would be contrary to the views of the Ministry of Transport and all the motoring associations.

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Doldrums, an outsider, won the Byrley Handicap Steeplechase at Derby by five lengths from Shaun Or.

The Students' Overseas Travel Committee has launched a promising scheme that may result in the settlement of public school and university men in various parts of the Empire.

This winter tickets to the value of £500 for bread and coal are being issued by the "Mile-end New Town" Philanthropic Society, which in the course of its existence has disbursed no less than £11,645.

Representatives of the City Corporation, of the professions, and of societies interested in the welfare of children, decided to form a committee to devise means of raising a fund for the preservation of the Foundling Hospital site.

Under the terms of an offer which has been accepted by the Liberal Administrative Committee, a capital sum sufficient to enable "a full fighting line of candidates to be placed in the field at the next election" is to be provided by Mr. Lloyd George.

Princess Victoria, the new president of Alexandra Day Fund, in a letter to the Duchess of Portland, the chairman of the Executive Committee, conveys warmest thanks to all who helped to make last year's appeal such a signal success. "The results, of the year," the Princess writes, "show plainly that the welfare of Alexandra Day lies deep in the hearts of the people, and I am proud to be patroness."

Near Wisley-common Mr. Mitchell-Hedges, the explorer, who was motoring with Mr. Colin Edgell from London to Bournemouth, was held up by six or seven men, who carried off an attaché case containing documents and four human heads from Central America. One of the men has explained that the "hold-up" was a practical joke by young Liberals who disagreed with remarks by the explorer in a recent lecture about the lack of enterprise in the modern British youth.

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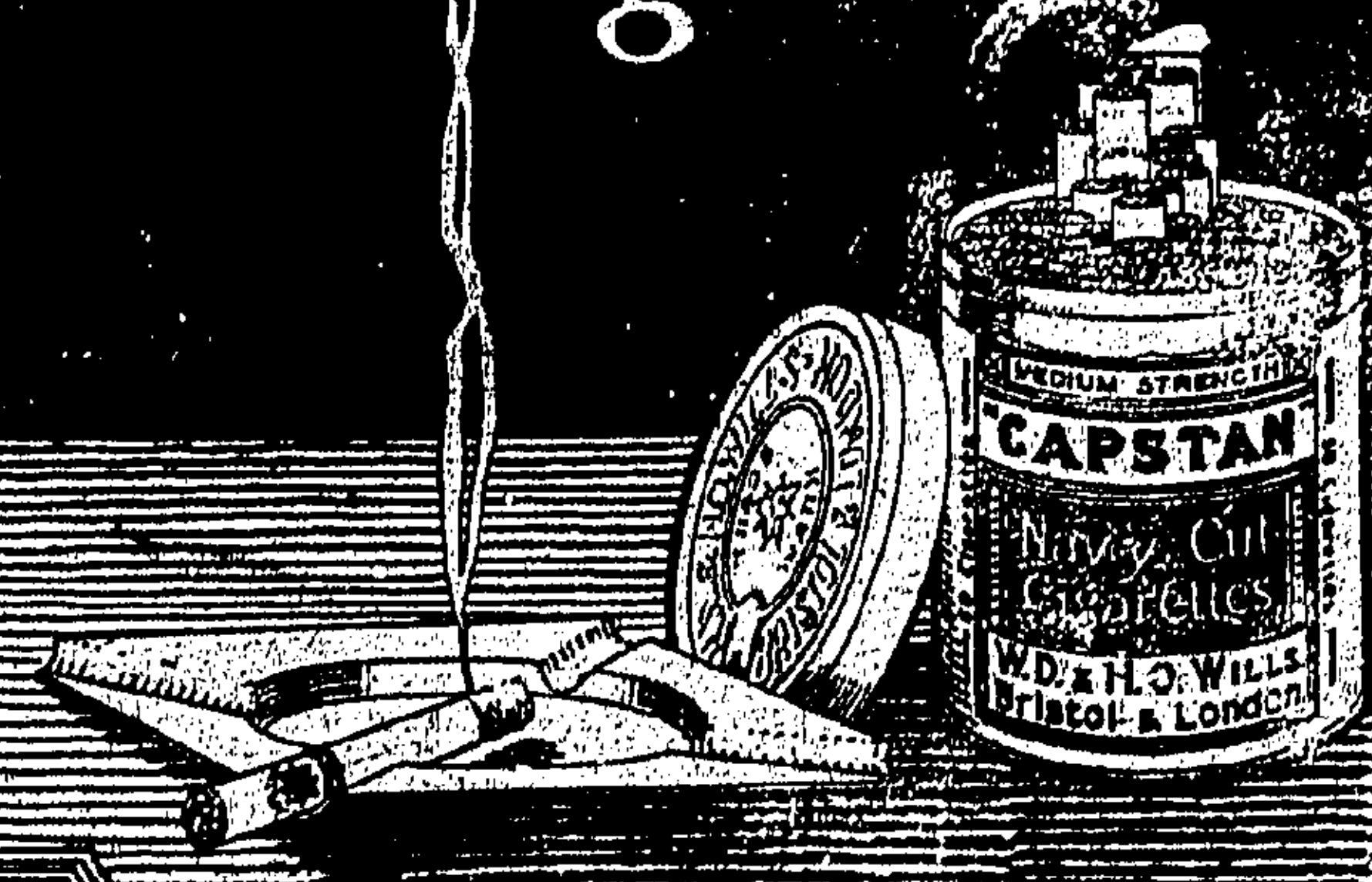
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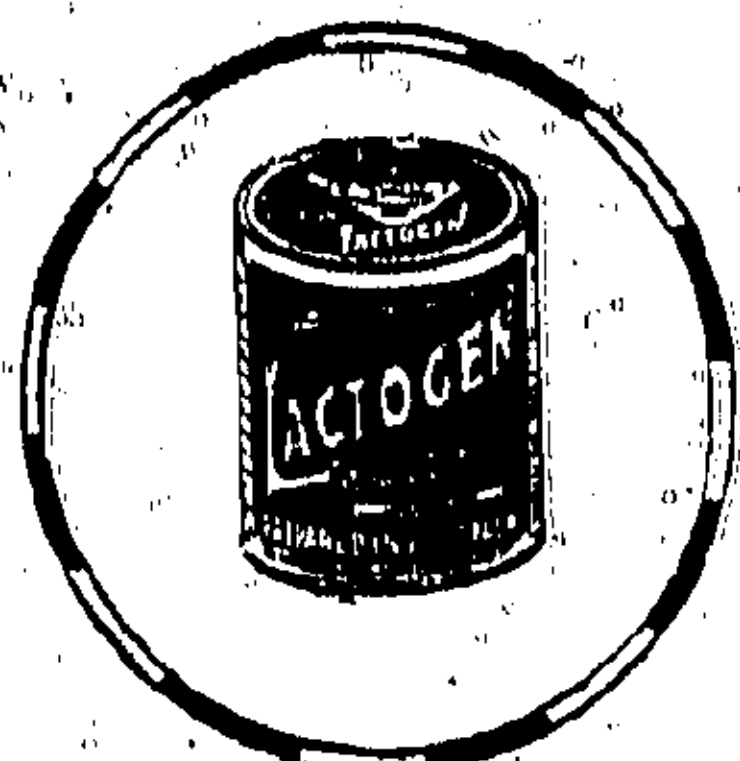
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Shanghai	3	Sin Kiang.
Shanghai	THURSDAY, MARCH	Liangchow.
Europe via Suez (letters & papers, London, 3rd Feb., & parcels, 27th Jan.)	4	Macedonia.
Shanghai	FRIDAY, MARCH	Mautua.
Manila	SATURDAY, MARCH	Empress of Asia.
Straits	SUNDAY, MARCH	Takada.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan & Shanghai	18	President Grant.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan, & Shanghai	18	Empress of Canada.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	WEDNESDAY, MARCH	Per
Shanghai, Japan & Europe via Siberia (letters & postcards specially superscribed "Via Siberia" only)	2	Paul Lécat
Swatow, Amoy & Fuzhou	5 p.m.	Menado Maru
THURSDAY, MARCH	3	Ryukyu Maru
Manila	8.30 a.m.	Pres. Lincoln
Haiphong	10.30 a.m.	Tonkin
Swatow	1.30 p.m.	Luchow
Straits	2 p.m.	Van Heutsz
Shanghai, Japan & Europe via Siberia (letters & postcards specially superscribed "Via Siberia" only)	5 p.m.	Macedonia
FRIDAY, MARCH	4	Talkwa Maru
Holhow, Pakhoi & Haiphong	8.30 a.m.	Hal Ning
Swatow, Amoy & Fuzhou	1 p.m.	Tanda
Manila, Sandakan, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island 15th March. Parcels noon. Registration 1.45 p.m. Letters 2.30 p.m.	5 p.m.	Antenor
Shanghai	5 p.m.	Mantua
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 1st April. Parcels 5 p.m. Registration (5th) 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.	5 p.m.	Yat Shing
SATURDAY, MARCH	5	Sin Kiang
Shanghai & Europe via Siberia (letters & postcards specially superscribed "Via Siberia" only)	2.30 p.m.	Kwangsue
Wai Mai Wei	2.30 p.m.	Phoum Pong
Sunday	2.30 p.m.	Kayong
Swatow & Bangkok	2.30 p.m.	Katjo
Swatow, Amoy & Fuzhou	2.30 p.m.	Mausang
Monday, MARCH	7	Mausang

HEROIC DEEDS.

Tragic Details of Colliery Disasters.

WOMEN AT THE PITHEAD.

Rugby, March 1.
Two mines disasters occurred early to-day—an explosion at Cwm in Monmouthshire, South Wales, and the flooding of a new shaft at Bilthorpe in Nottinghamshire.
The President of the Board of Trade announced in the House of Commons that in the Cwm disaster twenty-three men were known to be dead, and there was little hope for a further twenty-eight.
Of the seventeen men entombed at Bilthorpe, only three had been rescued.
When the explosion occurred at the Cwm pit there were nearly two hundred men in the workings. The explosion happened on a half mile from the foot of the shaft. Many Gassed.

Many of the men managed to reach safety by the usual means and eighty others were rescued, though many of these were gassed and a number were injured.
The rescue work was carried on in the face of great danger. Mr. Frank Mann, Managing Director of the colliery company, and Mr. John, the miners' agent, who were among the first to descend the pit, collapsed in the gas-filled galleries, and are now in hospital.
Early this afternoon the Government inspectors decided that rescue work must stop until the mine had been ventilated.

Fateful Order.
Thousands of women, children and relatives waiting at the pithead interpreted this order as sealing the doom of the entombed men.
Doctors had been attending the injured at the foot of the shaft but they had to come to the surface with the rescue parties because of the great danger from fire damp.
Rescuers were witnessed at the Bilthorpe pit, but only three miners were saved, and hope for the lives of fourteen others is very slender. Water is pouring into the shaft at the rate of sixty thousand gallons an hour.—British Wireless Service.

Little Hope.
London, March 1.
Two more men have been taken out of Bilthorpe pit, but there is very small hope of the others being rescued. Four dead have been brought up from the Marine colliery.
It has now been ascertained that forty-nine men are entombed. The inspectors have ordered the suspension of rescue operations until the pit has been ventilated.—Reuter.

Fire Damp.
In the House of Commons, the President of the Board of Trade, Sir Philip Cunliffe Liston, stated that two seams were involved in the disaster of the Marine colliery. Thirty-three men were dead in one seam, but before the workings could be explored, large quantities of fire damp had to be cleared.
There were twenty-eight men in the other seam for whom there was little hope.—Reuter.

Later.
Sir Philip Cunliffe Liston corrected his statement in the House of Commons to twenty-three instead of thirty-three dead.—Reuter.

EARLIER MESSAGES.

How the Miners Were Entombed.

London, March 1.
About 200 miners were entombed as the result of an explosion in the Marine colliery at Cwm Ebbw Vale early this morning. A number of the men have been brought up to the surface and sent to hospital.—Reuter.

Heroic Rescues.
Later.
Marine Colliery is one of the largest and most modern mines in the South Wales coalfield, and employs 1,700 men. The explosion occurred at 1 a.m.

The latest report shows that there were 135 miners in the pit, and it is estimated that all but 65 have been rescued by the nine rescue parties from all parts, who were feverishly working, though much impeded by falls of rocks and after-damp.
Some of the members, who were overcome by the fumes, collapsed at the bottom of the shaft, but were brought up to safety.—Reuter.

Another Pit Disaster.
London, March 1.
While pit-takers were working on stalling at Bilthorpe Colliery, between Mansfield and Retford, water pipes burst in the shaft through which water was pumped, broke loose and went down the shaft carrying the stalling to the bottom. It is feared that 16 of the men have been drowned. One was brought up alive.—Reuter.

TROOPS FOR CHINA.

Another 3 Transports To-morrow.

MOVEMENTS STILL UNCERTAIN.

Rugby, March 1.
The 2nd Battalion, Coldstream Guards arrived at Hong Kong to-day in the s.s. "Kilmarnock". It is understood that they will not at present proceed to Shanghai.—British Wireless Service.
Local enquiries also fail to elicit definite information with regard to the future movements of the Coldstreams or the Devonshires. The men are being given shore leave but return to their respective ships in harbour.
This afternoon parties marched unarmed, through various parts of the City.

The s.s. "Karmala" (with the Headquarters staff of the 13th Infantry Brigade, the 1st Battalion the Middlesex Regiment and the 1st Battalion the Border Regiment) will not be proceeding direct to Shanghai as was at one time thought. These troops will also be here to-morrow at 9.30 a.m., and their future movements are uncertain.

The s.s. "Assaye," with the 1st Battalion the Green Howards

ANOTHER TRANSPORT.

"Hermionis" Sails From Singapore.

Singapore, March 1.
The transport "Hermionis" with the Cameroonian and pack batteries has left for China.—Reuter.

(under Lt.-Col. McCall) is due in Hong Kong to-morrow at 4 p.m. The troops will remain in Hong Kong, temporarily, at any rate. The s.s. "Antenor" with stores and supplies aboard, is also due to-morrow.

Hospital Ship To-morrow.
The British naval hospital ship "Maine," of 5,768 tons gross, arrived at Singapore over the weekend. The medical section is commanded by Surgeon Captain W. W. Ker, C.M.G., who is assisted by Surgeon Commanders F. G. Gowan and H. P. Padwick, D.S.O. The "Maine" is also due in Hong Kong to-morrow.

The "Coldstreams" Mascot.
To the 2nd Batt., the Coldstream Guards (which arrived from home yesterday) belongs the distinction of having an officer as the regimental mascot instead of the more usual kind of "pet".

The 2nd Coldstreams mascot is Major Lancelot Gibbs, D.S.O., M.C., who served throughout the Great War unscathed from start to finish.

It was a strange coincidence that Major Gibbs, whose service throughout had been with the 3rd Battalion, should have been transferred to the 2nd Battalion as second-in-command only a few hours before the Coldstreams were detailed for service with the Shanghai Defence Force.

It is understood that the 2nd Coldstreams were brought up to strength for "Colonial service" (about 900 strong) by taking over volunteers from the 3rd Battalion.

Military Views.
A military correspondent has pointed out that the commander of the Shanghai Defence Force is officially termed the general officer commanding.

In the case of an expeditionary force in war the title would be commander-in-chief.

Regarding the inclusion of the 2nd Coldstreams in the Shanghai Force, it is one of the three "unallocated battalions" of the Guards. There are ten battalions of the Guards, but seven of these are in brigades, the 1st and 4th, which leaves three battalions that can be taken, leaving the expeditionary force intact.

The Coldstreams, unlike the other regiments in the Shanghai force, were ready for service without calling up any reservists.

FRENCH LEGION DESERTERS.

The two deserters from the French Foreign Legion in India were again in Court this morning when an order was made for their return to the French Colony by first available boat.

NAVAL RATIO.

Still Hopes For a 5-Power Pact.

MR. COOLIDGE OPTIMISTIC.

Washington, March 1.
It is stated at the White House that President Coolidge still hopes for a 5-Power armament limitation agreement in spite of the unfavourable replies of France and Italy.

It is emphasised that the President's proposals are strictly confined to limitation of armaments and are not intended by him to imply plans for the reduction of armaments.

It is stated that President Coolidge doubted the feasibility of a 3-Power understanding between Britain, America and Japan.—Reuter's American Service.

Britain's Reply.
Paris, March 1.

The paper's regard Britain's reply to President Coolidge's naval disarmament proposals as lukewarm and setting the seal on the planned conference, but the New York papers all applaud it and interpret it as rendering the 3-Power naval pact extremely likely of realisation.—Reuter.

The Elevation of Guns.
Washington, March 1.
It is learned that the State Department is enquiring into the British attitude towards the proposed gun elevation in American battleships in view of the controversy whether it has violated the spirit of the Washington Agreement.—Reuter's American Service.

ROYAL NAVY.

MEDICAL BRANCH'S NEW HEAD.

A NOTABLE CAREER.

London, March 1.
Surgeon Rear-Admiral Arthur Gaskell has been appointed Director-General of the Medical Department of the Navy.—Reuter.

Surgeon Rear-Admiral Arthur Gaskell, R.N., O.B.E., F.R.C.S. (Eng.), L.R.C.P. (Lond.), D.P.H. (Lond.), and a Fellow of the Royal Sanitary Institute, has been in charge of the Royal Naval Hospital, Plymouth, since 1923. Born on July 6, 1871, he was educated at University College Hospital, London. He joined the Royal Navy in 1893, becoming staff surgeon in 1902, fleet surgeon in 1906, surgeon captain in 1920, and surgeon rear-admiral in 1923. His principal appointments have been: Whaler Island South-East Coast of America; Portsmouth Depot; Plymouth Depot; China (Boxer Rebellion); Royal Naval Hospital, Chatham; Cadet Ship "Bermuda"; the Congress of Military Surgeons, U.S.A.; the Atlantic Squadron; the Fourth Cruiser Squadron; the Cape; the Portsmouth Depot; Royal Naval College, Dartmouth (temporary); Royal Naval College, Greenwich; Director of Medical Studies and Professor of Hygiene, No. 1 Hospital Ship; A.D.M.S., Royal Naval Division; Royal Naval Hospital, Simonstown; Medical Department; Admiralty (temporary); Royal Naval Hospital, Chatham; and Royal Naval Hospital, Plymouth. He has published various papers connected with the Royal Naval Medical Service.

SENT TO JAIL.

THE END OF A MEXICAN'S "WAR"

Los Angeles, March 1.
Members of General Estrada's staff have been sentenced to over a year each and have been ordered to pay fines ranging from \$1,000 to \$5,000.

Fifty-seven members of his "army" have been sentenced to six months' jail.—Reuter's American Service.

[Yesterday's cables stated: General Estrada, ex-Mexican Minister of War, has been convicted of violating the United States Neutrality Laws by engaging in revolutionary activities against Mexico, and sentenced to 23 months in a Penitentiary with a fine of \$10,000.]

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Tytam Byewash 233' B. 25' B.	1926
Tytam Intermediate 377' B. Level	1925
Tytam Tuk 287' B. 23' B.	1924
Wong Nei Chung 194' B. 21' B.	1923
Pokfulum 194' B. 21' B.	1922
[Note: B. denotes "Below Overflow". A denotes "Above Overflow".]	
Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.	
1926	1927
Tytam 131.58	250.44
Tytam Byewash 1.20	59
Tytam Intermediate 46.30	195.90
Tytam Tuk 806.50	915.42
Wong Nei Chung 6.56	10.61
Pokfulum 25.38	21.75

Total 1,017.40 1,408.71
Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of January.

Consumption	1926	1927
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